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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 209.]

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ...WE'VE BEEN DELAYED, BUT THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING -- I SEE THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE STANDING EVEN THOUGH WE ASKED THEM TO GET TO THEIR SEATS. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ, OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DREAM CENTER CHURCH OF GOD FROM POMONA, THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY RICHARD GERSHON, ADJUTANT, EAGLE ROCK POST NUMBER 276, THE AMERICAN LEGION, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE PRAYER.

PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ: GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE BLESS YOUR NAME TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THE DAY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US AND THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING AND THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY. I PRAY FOR THESE LEADERS AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS, AS THEY DO WHAT'S RIGHT IN LIGHT OF YOU, GOD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PROVISION IN THE COMMUNITY IN LIGHT OF THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE TODAY. WE PRAY THAT DECISIONS MADE TODAY WOULD, WITH REALITY IN MIND, MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE GREAT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, AGAIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING, WE BLESS YOU AND WE THANK YOU IN YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.



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2 **RICHARD GERSHON:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND
3 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE HERE IN ONE
6 SECOND. MEANWHILE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WOULD YOU GO --

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME
9 RICHARD GERSHON HERE THIS MORNING, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE. HE'S A GRADUATE OF HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND HE'S
11 THE ADJUTANT OF THE EAGLE ROCK POST NUMBER 276 OF THE AMERICAN
12 LEGION. HE SERVED IN VIETNAM BETWEEN 1967 AND 1970, HE'S A
13 SPECIALIST FORCE CLASS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND HE'S
14 EMPLOYED AS A PLUMBER WITH THE L.A. CITY DEPARTMENT OF WATER
15 AND POWER. SO, RICHARD, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE
16]

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU
21 PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ. PASTOR RODRIGUEZ HAS SERVED IN SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA DREAM CHURCH OF GOD FOR OVER 10 YEARS. HE
23 SPECIALIZES IN WORKING WITH YOUTH AND TROUBLED FAMILIES AND
24 ALSO WORKS IN THE EXECUTIVE CAPACITY TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF
25 THE CHURCH. PASTOR RODRIGUEZ EARNED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS OF



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1 THEOLOGY AT VIOLA UNIVERSITY. COURSE HE'S ALSO A NEWLY ELECTED
2 MEMBER OF THE POMONA CITY COUNCIL, HE'S INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS
3 CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE POMONA VALLEY BOYS AND
4 GIRLS CLUB, THE ARKNESS INTERNATIONAL AND THE POMONA LIONS
5 CLUB. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH IN LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION
6 THIS MORNING. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC
10 HEARING ITEMS, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
11 AND THEN AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL GO BACK TO THE
12 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA. SO BEGINNING ON PAGE 6, ON ITEM NUMBER
13 1, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
14 CONTINUANCE.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE, OR WAS IT
17 TO DECEMBER 16TH?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK IT WAS TO DECEMBER 16TH MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 1, FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 HERE ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THAT'S THE AUCTION OF THE PROPERTY IN
23 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND IT'S LOCATED 8019 COMPTON AVENUE,
24 THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 16TH. IS THAT CORRECT? IT
25 WILL BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 16TH, FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE



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1 HERE FOR THE AUCTION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8019 COMPTON
2 AVENUE.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS NOTED ON THE
5 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED
6 TO JANUARY 27, 2004.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM NUMBER 8 IS
9 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 27TH, 2004.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH 20, AND I HAVE THE FOLLOWING
13 REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, HOLD
15 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT'S ITEM 14. ON ITEM NUMBER 18,
16 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, HOLD FOR
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE
18 BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 21 THROUGH
24 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, WE'LL TAKE THIS UP AFTER THE PUBLIC
25 HEARING, SO WE'LL HOLD THIS. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, HOLD FOR A



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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 23, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE
2 PUBLIC. HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 26, I'M GOING TO
3 HOLD 24, BUT I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
4 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE AMENDED TO ADD
5 THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "PRIOR TO EXECUTING THE AGREEMENTS,
6 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ASSURE THAT THE AGREEMENTS SPECIFY THAT NO
7 FEDERAL FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE CONTRACTORS FOR
8 ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND THAT
9 THE AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A METHODOLOGY BY WHICH THE
10 REIMBURSEMENT CAN BE TRACKED AND IS INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BY
11 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
12 LIMITATION." SO ON ITEM 24, WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE AMENDMENT. ITEM --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT FOR 24?

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES THAT WAS 24.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT WHAT YOU JUST READ THE AMENDMENT ON?

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. ITEM 25 AND 26 ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION. ON ITEM 27, THE CHIEF
2 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY. ON ITEM 28, HOLD FOR
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEM 29.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, I'LL READ IT
13 INTO THE RECORD, AND THEN WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR THE PUBLIC. AN
14 ORDINANCE EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004, THE PETROLEUM
15 PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNION OIL COMPANY BY ORDINANCE
16 NUMBER 10896, AS AMENDED, AND CORRECTING THE FRANCHISEE'S NAME
17 BY PROVIDING ITS FULL NAME, UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,
18 CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. WE'LL HOLD THAT. ON ITEM 31, SEPARATE
19 MATTER, WE'LL HOLD FOR THE BOARD. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO
20 THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF
21 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
22 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 32-A.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVED.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 32-B, HOLD FOR REPORT. 32-C.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 15, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
11 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON
12 ITEM A-1, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM A-2, HOLD
13 FOR A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. AND THAT
14 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TODAY, WE ARE WELCOMING THE NEW CONSUL-
18 GENERAL OF POLAND TO LOS ANGELES, THE HONORABLE KRYSTYNA
19 TOKARSKA-BIERNACIK. IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SHE ASSUMED HER POST IN OCTOBER. AND
24 CONSUL-GENERAL BIERNACIK WAS BORN IN WARSAW, POLAND, SHE
25 EARNED HER LAW DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW, AND WORKED



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1 AS A LEGAL COUNSEL AND LEGISLATOR AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
2 AND SOCIAL CARE AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, WARSAW. IN
3 1989, SHE OPENED ONE OF THE FIRST PRIVATE LEGAL FIRMS IN
4 WARSAW. THE FIRM SPECIALIZED IN CIVIL AND CORPORATE LAW WITH
5 THE LARGEST PRESS ORGANIZATION IN POLAND AND INSURANCE
6 COMPANIES AS CLIENTS. SHE BECAME POLITICALLY ACTIVE DURING
7 THIS PERIOD AND CONCENTRATED ON SOCIAL POLICIES WITH AN
8 EMPHASIS ON THE LABOR MARKET. IN 2001, SHE WAS APPOINTED
9 UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL
10 POLICIES. SHE PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATING POLAND'S MEMBERSHIP
11 IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND HEADED THE POLISH DELEGATION AT THE
12 SPECIAL SESSION OF U.N. ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN. THE CONSUL-
13 GENERAL SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIAN. HER HUSBAND, DR.
14 JANUCE BIERNACIK, IS A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN AND CONSUL-GENERAL
15 BIERNACIK IS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME HER
16 AFTER SUCH A DISTINGUISHED CAREER, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL
17 ENJOY YOUR STAY HERE. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]

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19 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** MADAM CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD
20 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY, FOR YOUR PROPER AND VERY
21 WARM ATTITUDE TO THE POLISH CONSUL-GENERAL, AND I WISH TO
22 SUPPORT OUR GOOD RELATION WITH YOUR COUNTRY AS MY PREDECESSORS
23 DID. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL MEMBERS THEN. [
2 APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. THOMAS HAN TO COME
5 FORWARD. THE MATURE ADULT PROGRAM, CALLED M.A.P., HELD A
6 COMMUNITY ROLLOUT LAST OCTOBER 29TH. THE ROLLOUT WAS A
7 NETWORKING FORUM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FREE
8 INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH ISSUES AS FAMILY, FRIEND, OR CAREGIVER
9 ABUSE. NUTRITION, DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY, FINANCIAL SCAMS,
10 IDENTITY THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD. THOSE WHO ATTENDED WERE
11 ALSO OFFERED FREE SCREENING FOR BLOOD PRESSURE, VISION, AND
12 MEMORY. THE M.A.P. PROGRAM IS UNIQUE IN RECOGNIZING THAT A
13 COMPREHENSIVE TEAM APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE
14 SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL NEEDS OF OLDER AMERICANS AS
15 WELL AS TO MAINTAIN, PROMOTE, AND INCREASE THEIR GOOD HEALTH
16 AND QUALITY OF LIFE. SO PROFESSIONALS FROM NUMEROUS PHYSICAL
17 AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE SPECIALTIES COME TOGETHER TO DIAGNOSE
18 PROBLEMS EARLY WHEN THEY MORE CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED. AS
19 YOU MAY IMAGINE, PUTTING TOGETHER AN EVENT OF THIS SIZE TOOK A
20 GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT FROM NUMEROUS SPONSORS. I'M
21 PLEASED TO HONOR ONE OF THE M.A.P. COMMUNITY ROLLOUT SPONSORS
22 TODAY, DR. THOMAS J. HAN OF THE WILSHIRE PARK DENTAL
23 INSTITUTE, AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE WOULD HAVE
24 SPONSORED THIS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND PARTICULARLY



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1 THE COMMUNITY THERE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 COMMUNITY CONCERN AND DEDICATION. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **DR. THOMAS HAN:** IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO SUPPORT THIS MATURE ADULT
5 PROGRAM AND THIS SCROLL IS JUST A BONUS FOR ME. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO CALL CHUCK HENRY, DIRECTOR
10 OF A.I.D.S. POLICY AND PROCEDURE FORWARD. THE GLOBAL EPIDEMIC
11 OF H.I.V. INFECTION AND A.I.D.S. CONTINUES TO WREAK HAVOC WITH
12 A NUMBER OF NATIONS AS WELL AS WITH NUMEROUS COMMUNITIES IN
13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE KNOW THAT LOCALLY THE FACE OF
14 A.I.D.S. HAS BEEN EVOLVING FROM GAY MALES AND DRUG ABUSERS,
15 WHO STILL MAKE UP A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF H.I.V./ A.I.D.S.
16 POPULATION TOWARD WOMEN OF COLOR, AND NATIONALLY THE MAJORITY
17 OF NEW H.I.V. INFECTIONS OCCUR AMONG YOUTH WITH AN ESTIMATED
18 75% OF THEM BEING PEOPLE OF COLOR. THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS
19 PROGRAM ON H.I.V./ A.I.D.S., KNOWN AS U.N. A.I.D.S., ESTIMATES
20 THAT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 42 MILLION PEOPLE
21 WORLD-WIDE WILL BE LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. 12 MILLION OF
22 THEM WILL BE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND 14 MILLION OF THEM WILL BE
23 CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST ONE OR BOTH PARENTS TO A.I.D.S. U.N.
24 A.I.D.S. OBSERVES DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR AS WORLD A.I.D.S.
25 DAY WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF



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1 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO STOP
2 ITS SPREAD. I HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 1ST, 2003, AS WORLD
3 A.I.D.S. DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND URGE ALL
4 RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES AND OBSERVANCES DESIGNED
5 TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AS
6 A GLOBAL AND LOCAL CHALLENGE. I ALSO ENCOURAGE EACH OF US TO
7 DEDICATE OURSELVES TO OVERCOMING THE STIGMA AND SHAME RELATING
8 TO THE CONTRACTING OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SO THAT WE CAN BOTH
9 INCREASE OUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE LIVING WITH THIS CONDITION
10 AND DEVOTE OURSELVES MORE TO PREVENTION AND, OF COURSE,
11 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HAVE TESTING, AND WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE
12 WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE. WE HAVE CHUCK HENRY, OF COURSE, WHO'S
13 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S., WE HAVE DR. JONATHAN
14 FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AL BALESTANO, WHO IS CO-
15 CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH
16 SERVICES, H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES, VANESSA TACOMONTEZ, WHO IS
17 CO-CHAIR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY H.I.V. PREVENTION AND PLANNING
18 COMMITTEE; EDNA WILLIAMS, SAINT BRIDGES A.I.D.S. MINISTRY AND
19 CO-CHAIR OF THE SECOND DISTRICT H.I.V./A.I.D.S. COALITION; AND
20 SYLVIA MARQUEZ, WHO IS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. AND I WANT TO SAY
21 THAT OUR COALITION, OUR A.I.D.S. COALITION HAS BEEN ONE IN THE
22 SECOND DISTRICT THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE PROVIDERS
23 TO COME TOGETHER, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TO OVERCOME
24 A.I.D.S. AND H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WORLD
25 A.I.D.S. CHUCK HENRY. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]



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2 **CHUCK HENRY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO
3 EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
4 PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 1ST WORLD A.I.D.S. DAY AND FOR YOUR
5 ONGOING SUPPORT AND INSISTENCE THAT WE STAY VIGILANT HERE IN
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS EPIDEMIC AND TO
7 USE EVERY STRATEGY AND INTERVENTION AVAILABLE TO US TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT WE END THE SCOURGE OF H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. THAT
9 CONTINUES TO DEVASTATE OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
10 AND PARTICULARLY THOSE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES
11 THAT CONTINUE TO SEE EXPANSION IN H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN OUR
12 COMMUNITIES. WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY OUR COMMUNITY PLANNING
13 PARTNERS AND TWO MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SONS TO A.I.D.S.
14 AND OUT OF THEIR GRIEF HAVE BECOME COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS
15 INSISTING THAT ALL OF US REMAIN VIGILANT IN FIGHTING THIS
16 EPIDEMIC UNTIL WE END THIS EPIDEMIC IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF
17 THEIR SONS AND ALL OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BROTHERS AND
18 SISTERS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS, WE NEED TO CONTINUE IN THIS
19 FIGHT UNTIL IT'S OVER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SYLVIA MARQUEZ:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SYLVIA MARQUEZ, AND THIS IS MY SON,
23 RICK, WHO DIED OF A.I.D.S. AT 33 YEARS OLD ON DECEMBER 23RD. I
24 KNOW HE DID NOT LIVE IN VAIN. I ALWAYS WANT TO HONOR HIM AND
25 HONOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING, WILL HAVE, AND ARE DYING



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1 OF A.I.D.S. IT'S LIKE A LEPROSY OF A LONG TIME AGO. THEY DIE
2 IN SHAME AND FAMILIES ABANDON THEM, AND I WANTED TO BE
3 DIFFERENT AND PEOPLE TO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. GOD
4 BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SO PLEASED TO BE HERE. I LOST MY
7 SON TO A.I.D.S. IN 1993 AT THE AGE OF 32. I'VE BEEN IN THIS
8 STRUGGLE EVER SINCE. THE HINDRANCE THAT I FIND IS THE STIGMA
9 THAT'S ATTACHED TO THIS VIRUS. WE MUST OPEN OUR MINDS AND OUR
10 HEARTS AND WORK TOWARD THE PREVENTION OF THIS VIRUS, AND I
11 APPRECIATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS AND YOU WHO ARE HERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU
15 HAVE PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
18 PLEASED TO CALL FORWARD A LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 EMPLOYEE, WAYNE SCHUMACKER, WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
20 BEACHES AND HARBORS. I'M GOING TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT HEAD,
21 STAN WISNIEWSKI AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY, KERRY GOTLEIB TO JOIN ME
22 AS WELL. ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 2003, WAYNE SCHUMACKER WAS
23 DRIVING FROM HIS HOME IN ORANGE COUNTY TO HIS JOB AS DIVISION
24 CHIEF OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION IN
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. WHILE TRAVELING ON THE



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1 FREEWAY OF 405 AROUND 5:18 IN THE MORNING, WAYNE SAW A THREE-
2 CAR ACCIDENT WHERE ONE CAR HAD ALREADY BURST INTO FLAMES AND
3 THE DRIVER APPEARED TO BE UNCONSCIOUS AND MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO
4 ESCAPE FROM THE VEHICLE. WAYNE PROCEEDED TO PARK HIS VEHICLE
5 AND JOIN A LOCAL HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER AND A COUPLE OF OTHER
6 MOTORISTS WHO HAD STOPPED IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE TRAPPED
7 DRIVER. WAYNE GRABBED HIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER FROM HIS VEHICLE
8 AND JOINED AN OFF-DUTY SACRAMENTO FIRE FIGHTER IN FIGHTING THE
9 FLAMES THAT WERE RACING THROUGH THE CAR, WHILE THE OTHER GOOD
10 SAMARITANS AND A CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER WERE TRYING
11 TO FREE THE TRAPPED VICTIM. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, THEY WERE
12 ABLE TO FREE THE VICTIM FROM HIS BURNING VEHICLE AND WAS TAKEN
13 TO LONG BEACH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER BY THE PARAMEDICS WHERE,
14 UNFORTUNATELY, HE PASSED AWAY FROM MULTIPLE INJURIES. SO I'M
15 JUST PLEASED TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD AND ALL
16 THE RESIDENTS TO THANK WAYNE FOR HIS VALIANT EFFORTS OF BEING
17 A GOOD SAMARITAN OUT THERE, TO RECOGNIZE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE
18 THAT GOES UP AND ABOVE BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, AND YOU NEVER
19 KNOW WHEN OR WHAT TIME IT MAY BE, AND TO WAYNE, WE JUST WANT
20 TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS AND PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN
21 RECOGNITION OF YOUR EFFORTS. [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA -- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE A
5 GREAT ORGANIZATION FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND WITH US THIS
6 MORNING IS CYDNEY SMITH, WHO IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE
7 ADOLESCENT INTERVENTION TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM. THIS
8 IS A SPIN-OFF OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
9 AND DRUG DEPENDENCY PROGRAM, WHICH WAS FORMED MORE THAN THREE
10 YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO OUR COUNTY'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM
11 ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS UNIQUE PROGRAM, THE COUNSELORS WORK
12 WITH THE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR PARENTS THROUGHOUT A 24-WEEK
13 INTENSIVE OUT-PATIENT PROGRAM TO END SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SO FOR
14 YOUR EFFORTS IN BEING A ROLE MODEL OF OTHER PUBLIC/PRIVATE
15 PARTNERSHIPS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND WISH YOU
16 CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

19

20 **CYDNEY SMITH:** OKAY, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR
22 THE RECOGNITION OF THE ADOLESCENT INTERVENTION TREATMENT AND
23 RECOVERY PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE DOMESTIC LONG HAIR,
2 12-WEEK-OLD CAT -- KITTEN, AND HER NAME IS TIZZY. NO TIZZY?
3 THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)
4 730-4644 IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT TIZZY OR THOSE IN THE
5 AUDIENCE, HERE'S LITTLE TIZZY, VERY CALM. SEE ANYBODY HUH?
6 LIKE TO GO TO ANTELOPE VALLEY? HUH? WANT TO GO TO THE CENTER?
7 IT WAS ONLY 23 DEGREES IN LANCASTER, HUH? SO ANYBODY WHO'D
8 LIKE TO ADOPT TIZZY, SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND TIZZY HAS
9 A LOT OF BROTHERS, COUSINS, AUNTS AND UNCLES THAT ARE WAITING,
10 TOO.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE DO THE ADMINISTRATIVE --
13 THE HEARINGS FIRST. RIGHT?

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO
16 PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE
17 STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, AND BE SWORN IN.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO IS THAT, GLORIA? GLORIA, DID YOU HAVE A
20 SCROLL? NO. SHE SAID NO. DID YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION? NO. [
21 ADMINISTERING OATH]

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. WE'LL START
24 ON PAGE 4, THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF A 10-



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1 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE ASSOCIATED
2 LEAGUE OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS FOR A COMMISSION ON PROPERTY
3 LOCATED AT 4701 EAST CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED EAST
4 LOS ANGELES FOR OPERATION OF ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. ALSO, ON
5 THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR -- [GAVEL]

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE DEPARTMENT IS DELETING THE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPERTY -
9 - OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON JULY 2002,
10 SO WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS ITEM.

11

12 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS JUST HERE TO RECEIVE ANY
13 TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC OR TO ANSWER ANY BOARD QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION. I UNDERSTAND THAT
18 THE RENT FOR THE AGENCY IS GOING TO BE FREE FOR 20 YEARS. IS
19 THAT CORRECT? ESSENTIALLY?

20

21 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PERHAPS DEPARTMENT CAN
22 PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE
23 IS NO BASE RENT AND THERE ARE TWO COMPONENTS OF RENT. THERE'S
24 AN OPERATING EXPENSE AND THEN THERE'S A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
25 FUND, BUT THERE IS NO BASE RENT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. ARE WE IN ANY WAY GUARANTEED THAT
3 THE SERVICE THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIOD
4 OF TIME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE LEASING THE SPACE IS GOING TO
5 BE PROVIDED? WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY CEASE TO PROVIDE THE
6 SERVICE? THAT'S MY PRIMARY CONCERN HERE, IS WHAT IS THE
7 GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE GETTING IN RETURN FOR THE -- FOR THIS
8 DEAL THAT WE'RE GETTING THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING -- THAT
9 ARE EXPECTED.

10

11 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD DEFER TO THE DEPARTMENT TO
12 ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN I CAN HELP ON THAT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
15 THAT THE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS SAY THAT AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE
16 TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THE DISABLED, THE DEVELOPMENTALLY
17 DISABLED, THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE SERVICES. THEY CAN'T
18 PROVIDE ANY OTHER SERVICE OR USE IT FOR ANY OTHER USE OTHER
19 THAN PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
20 CHILDREN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I WAS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT
23 YESTERDAY. THAT'S -- IF THAT'S THE CASE, THAT'S FINE. I JUST
24 WANT TO -- IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING? WE COULDN'T FIND THAT
25 IN THE BOARD REPORT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SCORDAY KOREA FROM
3 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE
4 LOOKING FOR IS ON PAGE 8, WHICH ESSENTIALLY SAYS THAT AFTER
5 THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERMS OF THE LEASE, THE TENTATIVES
6 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A VARIETY OF C.D.B.G. FORMS,
7 BUT ALSO, THE PREMISES SHALL BE USED AS --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS IT ON PAGE 8?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** PAGE 8, IT'S BEGINNING ON LINE 27, PARAGRAPH
12 BEGINNING ON LINE 27, TALKS ABOUT AFTER THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR
13 TERM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** AND THEN IF YOU LOOK ON LINE 31, SHALL BE USED BY THE
18 TENANT AS A CLINIC AND/OR OFFICE SPACE AND/OR OTHER
19 GOVERNMENTAL OR NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSES OR LAWFUL
20 PURPOSES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1016-A, AND THOSE
21 REFER TO THE SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T SAY THAT, THOUGH.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** ON PAGE 6, LINE 46, TALKS ABOUT ALMA FAMILY SERVICES
2 AND RELATED USES PRIMARILY FOR THE SERVICE OF PERSONS WITH
3 DISABILITIES, WHICH TIES BACK THEN TO THE BOARD --

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S ONLY FOR FIVE YEARS. I'M
6 INTERESTED IN THE OTHER 15 YEARS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IT REFERS TO IS BACK ON PAGE 8, IT SAYS AFTER
9 THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERMS OF THIS LEASE. THAT'S WHAT I WAS
10 REFERRING TO JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO DOES THE AGENCY, DOES THE ALMA AGENCY,
13 AFTER FIVE YEARS, THEN GET TO SUBLEASE IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NO, THEY CANNOT SUBLEASE IT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF
16 THE LANDLORD.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT? WHERE DOES IT SAY
19 THAT?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS IN A DIFFERENT SECTION OF THE LEASE, ON
22 SUBLEASING AND ON ASSIGNMENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THEY HAVE TO KEEP OPERATING IT
25 THEMSELVES, THEN WHY DO WE HAVE ALL THESE VARIOUS SECTIONS, OR



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1 THIS OTHER SECTION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FIVE YEARS? WHY
2 DON'T WE JUST -- WHY DOESN'T IT JUST SAY --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF --

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY LET ME FINISH MY QUESTION.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY ON PAGE 6 THAT
11 THROUGHOUT THE 20 YEARS OF THE LEASE, TERM OF THE LEASE, THE
12 PREMISES SHOULD BE USED BY THE TENANT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE
13 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES? WHY IS THERE EVEN AN OUT CLAUSE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE CLEAR,
16 SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO THERE IS SHOW WHAT WAS
17 REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
18 BLOCK GRANT PURPOSES AS OPPOSED TO THE USES THEMSELVES,
19 BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY HAVE UNDER
20 BLOCK GRANT LAW AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REPORTING AND
21 OTHER THINGS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, BUT THERE ARE OTHER
22 OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE GENERALLY FOR THE USE THAT ARE FOR THE
23 FIRST 10-YEAR TERM AND ALSO THE 5-AND-5 OPTION PERIODS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST -- I MEAN IF THE
2 INTENT IS THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO RUN IT FOR 20 YEARS OR
3 PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR 20 YEARS IN THIS SPACE, THEN WHY NOT
4 SOMEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT, THIS LEASE AGREEMENT DON'T YOU
5 JUST SAY, "NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE, ALMA SHALL -- THE
6 TENANT -- THROUGHOUT THE 20 YEARS, THE TENANT WILL DO WHAT
7 IT'S EXPECTED TO DO, AND ANYTHING DIFFERENT HAS TO BE WITH THE
8 APPROVAL OF THE LANDLORD," WHICH IS US RIGHT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES THAT IS TRUE. I THINK WHAT CAN HAPPEN HERE IS
11 THAT THIS IS BEFORE YOU AS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE. AS LONG AS
12 WE'RE WITHIN THE TERMS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ARE
13 AMENABLE TO BOTH PARTIES, I BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING IS
14 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE DISCUSSED. WE CAN MAKE THOSE KINDS OF
15 CLARIFICATIONS WITHIN THE LEASE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT? WITH THAT
18 CLARIFICATION?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BECAUSE I THINK HE CAN BE CLEARER. THEY LED
21 US TO BELIEVE THAT IT SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT, AND I DON'T KNOW
22 WHY IT CAN'T BE CLEARER, LIKE WHAT YOU SUGGEST.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T --

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT AGAIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** TRY AND TO CLARIFY THE --

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE LEASE IS WRITTEN RIGHT NOW SUPERVISOR?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH ANY LITIGATION
10 LATER ON WITH PEOPLE MISUNDERSTANDING WHAT THE CONCEPTS ARE.
11 THEY SHOULD BE VERY, VERY CLEAR. THE ENTIRE PURPOSE IS FOR
12 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES CAN ONLY UTILIZE THAT SPACE TO PROVIDE
13 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN. THEY
14 CAN'T USE IT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE OR ANYTHING ELSE OTHER
15 THAN THE RELATED SERVICES AND PROVIDE THEM.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS TRUE, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW, IT'S NOT CLEAR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS. ALL I'M
22 SAYING IS THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS. I'M LOOKING AT PAGE 8 AND
23 THIS -- WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING THIS AT THE BOARD LEVEL --

24

25 **SPEAKER:** AT THIS STAGE, YES, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND UNFORTUNATELY THIS CAME TO ME AND MY
3 OFFICE'S ATTENTION YESTERDAY, CONTRARY TO -- SOME PEOPLE THINK
4 THAT WE, YOU KNOW, THAT IT WAS SHARED WITH EVERYBODY EARLIER,
5 BUT IT WASN'T, AT LEAST NOT WITH US. I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS
6 ONE THING ON PAGE 8. AFTER THE INITIAL FIVE YEARS OF THE TERM
7 OF THIS LEASE, TENANT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE OR
8 SUBMIT ANY C.B.D.G. OR H.U.D. FORMS, DOCUMENTATIONS, ET
9 CETERA, AND LANDLORD AGREES THAT THE DEMISED PREMISES TOGETHER
10 WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THERE TO BELONGING OR ANY WAY -- IN ANY
11 WISE ARE APPERTAINING, BOY, I'LL TELL YOU, I DIDN'T LEARN THIS
12 IN ENGLISH, SHALL BE USED BY THE TENANT AS CLINIC AND/OR
13 OFFICE SPACE AND FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OR NONPROFIT PUBLIC
14 BENEFIT PURPOSES.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT COULD BE ANYTHING. THAT COULD BE
19 -- AND THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PHYSICAL REHAB OR MENTAL HEALTH
20 OR ANYTHING. OR A NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSE OR LAWFUL -
21 - OR LAWFUL PURPOSES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1-O AND
22 SECTION 6-A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE SECTIONS ARE, I DON'T
23 WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT NOW. SO, IF, AS YOU SAY, THIS
24 IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR 20 YEARS USED AS BY ALMA TO PROVIDE THE



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1 SERVICES THAT ALMA CURRENTLY PROVIDES, THEN WHY DOESN'T IT
2 JUST SAY SO?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES. WELL, THE REFERRAL WAS -- I THINK WE WERE TRYING
5 TO ACCOMPLISH TOO MUCH IN ONE PARAGRAPH, FRANKLY, BECAUSE THE
6 REFERRAL THEN IS BACK TO 6, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE USES BACK
7 ON PAGE 6, AND IT TALKS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PRIMARILY FOR
8 THE USE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND GOES BACK TO THE
9 PURPOSES FOR WHICH ALMA ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT TO BEGIN
10 WITH AND THAT IS THE SERVICES --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S SECTION 6?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT TAKES CARE OF THE LAST CLAUSE OF
17 THAT PARAGRAPH THAT I JUST READ.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES IT'S ACTUALLY LINE --

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PREVIOUS CLAUSE WHICH IS "OR NONPROFIT
22 PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSES" COULD BE ANYTHING, COULDN'T IT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WELL, IT WOULD HAVE TO TIE BACK TO --

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WHAT WE DO IS THAT ENTIRE PARAGRAPH TIES BACK
4 TO PRIMARILY FOR THE SERVICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL I'M ASKING, AND NOW I'M GOING TO ASK THE
7 QUESTION STRAIGHT AND I JUST WANT A YES OR NO ANSWER, IS THERE
8 ANY REASON WHY YOU CAN'T PUT A SENTENCE IN HERE, SOMEWHERE IN
9 THIS LEASE, PREFERABLY ON PAGE 6, WHICH SIMPLY CHANGES THE
10 FIVE YEARS TO 20 YEARS AND SAYS THROUGHOUT THE INITIAL 20 --
11 THROUGHOUT THE 20-YEAR TERM OF THE LEASE, THE PREMISES SHALL
12 BE USED BY THE TENANT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE ALMA FAMILY
13 SERVICE AND RELATED USES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, AND THAT ANY
14 CHANGE WOULD HAVE TO BE AT THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDLORD. WHY
15 COULDN'T WE JUST SAY THAT, INSTEAD OF SENDING US ON A WILD
16 GOOSE CHASE?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY IT COULD BE CLARIFIED. YES, SUPERVISOR,
19 CERTAINLY IT COULD BE CLARIFIED TO SAY THAT, SO WE WOULD
20 ELIMINATE THE BLOCK GRANT REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE ALSO A PART
21 OF THAT AND WE TRIED TO ACCOMPLISH THEM --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT TRYING TO GET INTO ALL THE OTHER --
24 THERE MAY BE REASONS FOR THE BLOCK GRANT BUSINESS AND ALL
25 THAT. ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS THAT WHEN WE'RE GIVING FREE RENT



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1 TO SOME AGENCY FOR 20 YEARS, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE AROUND
2 FOR 20 YEARS, AND IF FOR SOME REASON THEY'RE NOT AROUND, AND
3 ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, THAT WE THEN ARE BACK IN THE PICTURE,
4 THAT IT'S NOT OUT OF OUR CONTROL FOR 20 YEARS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MUCH MORE
7 STRAIGHTFORWARD IN LANGUAGE TO STATE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING, RICK?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT DOABLE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE, LET'S JUST AMEND IT RIGHT NOW TO
16 DO THAT. IT'S STILL GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK. WE CAN'T APPROVE
17 IT TODAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I WANT TO DO.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY IS THIS DIFFICULT FOR YOU? I DO NOT GET IT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WELL I DON'T THINK IT'S DIFFICULT FROM MY POINT OF
24 VIEW, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THAT CAN BE PLACED IN HERE, WE
25 CAN TALK IN TERMS -- WE CAN SPECIFICALLY AMEND THIS TO SAY,



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1 WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S APPROVAL, OF COURSE, THAT THE
2 SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY ALMA FOR THE 20-YEAR PERIOD,
3 THE 10-YEAR INITIAL LEASE PERIOD PLUS THE FIVE AND FIVE-YEAR
4 OPTIONS, AS STATED BY THE SUPERVISOR VERY CLEARLY, BECAUSE I
5 THINK THAT'S THE SPIRIT IN WHICH ALMA ENTERED INTO IT AS WELL;
6 AND SO I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM IN AMENDING IT TO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT WOULD BE -
9 - WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE LANDLORD WITH A LIMITED
10 APPROVAL.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES BECAUSE IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED --

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN -- BUT WAIT A MINUTE. AGAIN, IF THEY
15 DON'T PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, THEY CAN'T GO IN THERE AND DO
16 ANYTHING ELSE WITH IT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, IT WOULD BE A DEFAULT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT'S THIS FIVE-YEAR OPTIONS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE FIVE-YEAR -- IT'S FOR 10 YEARS, PLUS THEY
23 HAVE TWO FIVE-YEAR OPTIONS THE WAY THE LEASE IS STRUCTURED, SO
24 IT ISN'T A 20-YEAR LEASE. IT'S A 10-YEAR LEASE PLUS TWO FIVE-



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1 YEAR OPTIONS, BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS JUST
2 COVERING THE ENTIRE 20-YEAR PERIOD.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE ARE OPTIONS THEN I'M COVERING THE
5 10 YEARS PLUS THE TWO OPTIONS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES YOU ARE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT TRYING TO CHANGE THAT, I JUST WANT
10 TO BE SURE THAT IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE DEPENDENCY
11 OF THE LEASE, THEY FALL APART, THAT, YOU KNOW, THE MALADIES
12 THAT THEY ARE IN BUSINESS TO SOLVE ARE CURED, THAT IT'S NOT
13 THEN, YOU KNOW, LEFT IN NEVER NEVERLAND, THAT'S ALL.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK MS. MOLINA --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE UNDERSTAND BUT WE WERE TOLD IN ALL THE
20 LEGALESE GARBAGE THAT THEY GIVE ME THAT THAT'S WHAT IT WAS,
21 BUT IF IT'S NOT CLEAR, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AGREED, AND I THINK WE CAN --

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WILL YOU AMEND IT? IT'S NOW GOING TO DELAY THE
2 OPENING OF THE FACILITY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SHOULDN'T, THEY --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, IT WILL.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY CAN WRITE IT UP TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T KNOW, THESE PEOPLE CAN'T SEEM TO GET
11 THESE THINGS -- IT TOOK US FOREVER TO GET HERE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD BET THEY CAN WRITE IT UP BEFORE
14 NOON.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I THINK SO, I THINK THAT THE --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE SO SUPERVISOR, YES SOMEBODY CAN --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN BRING IT BACK TO ME, YOU HAVE A HALF HOUR.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY WE WILL DO THAT, AND THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GIVE HIM AN HOUR.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THAT INCLUDE LUNCH?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S HAD SIX MONTHS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN YOU'RE HOLDING THIS FOR --
8 UNTIL THE END OF THE AGENDA? DO YOU WANT TO HOLD IT TO THE END
9 OF THE AGENDA? OKAY.

10

11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 2-D, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF A 10-
12 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY FOR
13 COMMISSION-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4701 EAST CESAR E. CHAVEZ
14 AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, TO RELOCATE THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY HEALTH CENTER. JUST LIKE
16 ITEM 1-D, THIS WOULD ALSO DELETE THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE
17 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN
18 JULY 2002. THIS ITEM ALSO RELATES TO AGENDA NUMBER 21, WHICH
19 SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THIS TIME AS WELL. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
20 PROTESTS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS
23 ITEM? COUNTY COUNSEL?

24



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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS JUST TO HEAR
2 TESTIMONY AND ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO REQUESTS -- WISHES TO
5 BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES THAT
6 THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED, ALONG
7 WITH ITEM NUMBER 21. DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A SEPARATE MOTION ON
8 THAT?

9

10 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** YOU CAN HAVE BOTH MOTIONS TOGETHER. THERE ARE
11 TWO SEPARATE ITEMS, HOWEVER.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 2-D AND 21 THEN ARE MOVED BY
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS CLOSED AND THE ITEMS ARE APPROVED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF
18 TERRITORIES, PETITION NUMBERS 54-300, 156-1101, AND 112-702 TO
19 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND TO LIGHTING
20 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED AZUSA AREA AND TO LEVY AND
21 COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES. WE
22 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, STAFF?

25



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1 **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M
2 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
3 FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY
4 TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
5 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND LEVYING AND
6 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PETITION AREA 54-
7 300, 156-1101 AND 112-702. NONE OF THESE PETITION AREAS LIES
8 WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREAS
9 COVERED BY THESE PETITIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION
10 AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT
11 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENT THAT
12 THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS IN ANY OF THE PETITION AREAS,
13 WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION
14 TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

15

16 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE
17 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ANY TESTIMONY AND THEN TABLE THE MATTER
18 FOR TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO'S REQUESTING TO BE
21 HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THIS ITEM WILL GO OVER FOR
22 TABULATION OF THE BALLOT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING TO ACQUIRE
25 BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROPERTY NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT AN ELEVATED



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1 ONE-STORY LIBRARY FACILITY LOCATED AT 122 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON
2 BOULEVARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA. AND WE
3 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT ONE PERSON --

6

7 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE IS ALSO A BRIEF STAFF
8 PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE THE STAFF
11 PRESENTATION? DID YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? IS THERE ONE PERSON
12 STANDING? DID YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? COME FORWARD, PLEASE. YES.
13 YOU WERE GIVING THE STAFF PRESENTATION.

14

15 **CHRIS MONTANA:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **CHRIS MONTANA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
20 MONTANA, AND I'M REPRESENTING THE C.A.O. ON THIS MATTER. I'D
21 LIKE TO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD. THE CHIEF
22 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE
23 PUBLIC LIBRARY ARE PROPOSING THAT THE COUNTY ACQUIRE A PARCEL
24 OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOPANGA AREA, THE UNINCORPORATED
25 COUNTY TERRITORY, ALONG TOPANGA COUNTY BOULEVARD FOR THE



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1 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY PROJECT. THE PROJECT WILL
2 CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ONE-STORY FACILITY CONSISTING OF
3 APPROXIMATELY 12,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE, ON SITE PARKING
4 BENEATH THE LIBRARY BUILDING AND APPURTENANT LANDSCAPE AND
5 HARD-SCAPE FEATURES. THE PROJECT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A NEW
6 PERMANENT FACILITY TO MEET THE LIBRARY SERVICE NEEDS OF THE
7 RESIDENTS WITHIN THE TOPANGA LIBRARY SERVICE AREA. THIS AREA
8 IS CURRENTLY SERVED ONLY BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LOS VIRGINIS
9 BOOK MOBILE, WITH THE CLOSEST PERMANENT COUNTY LIBRARY
10 FACILITIES BEING LOCATED IN AGOURA HILLS OR MALIBU. THE
11 PROPOSED PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW VACANT
12 COMMERCIAL PARCELS IN THE LIBRARY SERVICE AREA AND IS ALREADY
13 PUBLICLY OWNED AND SURPLUS TO THE CURRENT AND PROBABLE FUTURE
14 NEEDS OF THE CURRENT OWNER, THE WATERWORKS DISTRICT. NO OTHER
15 SUITABLE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT WITHIN THE
16 LIBRARY SERVICE AREA. WE HAVE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT, ONE,
17 THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THIS PROJECT; TWO,
18 THE PROJECT HAS BEEN PLANNED AND LOCATED IN THE MANNER THAT
19 WILL BE MOST COMPATIBLE WITH THE GREATEST PUBLIC GOOD AND THE
20 LEAST PRIVATE INJURY; AND, THREE, THE PROPERTY SOUGHT TO BE
21 ACQUIRED IS NECESSARY FOR THIS PROJECT. GOVERNMENT CODE
22 7267.2. WE HAVE OBTAINED AN APPRAISAL OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE
23 OF THE PROPERTY SOUGHT TO BE ACQUIRED AND HAVE MADE AN OFFER
24 TO THE OWNER OF RECORD TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY FOR THE FULL
25 AMOUNT OF THIS APPRAISAL. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR



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1 BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THIS PROJECT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ADRIANE ALLAN HAS REQUESTED TO
5 BE HEARD, BARBARA METZENBAUM, AND THEN MERRITT HOLLOWAY.
6 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **ADRIANE ALLAN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 ADRIANE ALLAN. I AM A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA CANYON, A MOTHER OF
10 TWO, A CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AND
11 THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PROPOSED TOPANGA LIBRARY.
12 IT WON'T SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR
13 OF THE LIBRARY PROJECT, WHICH I PASSIONATELY FEEL CAN PROVIDE
14 INDISPENSABLE SERVICES FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY,
15 ESPECIALLY IN OUR INCREASINGLY MULTI CULTURAL SOCIETY AND
16 INFORMATION AGE SOCIETY. LIBRARIES CAN PROMOTE A LOVE OF
17 LEARNING, INFORMATION LITERACY, MULTI CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND
18 INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM. THESE ARE VERY LOFTY GOALS, WHICH DON'T
19 MEAN MUCH IF RESIDENTS CAN'T ACTUALLY GET TO A LIBRARY
20 CONVENIENTLY AND FREQUENTLY. THERE ARE LIBRARIES ADJACENT TO
21 TO TOPANGA CANYON, THERE ARE MORE THAN MILES INVOLVED IN
22 MAKING THEM HARD TO GET TO, WITH TOPANGA'S WINDING ROADS AND
23 CHALLENGING TERRAIN. IT TAKES AT LEAST 40 MINUTES ROUND-TRIP
24 TO GET TO THESE OTHER LIBRARIES. MOREOVER, LOCAL LIBRARIES
25 PROVIDE MORE THAN MERE CONVENIENCE. THEY FOSTER A SENSE OF



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1 COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IDEAS,
2 CREATIVITY, AND KNOWLEDGE. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE BOOK MOBILE,
3 BUT IT IS VERY LIMITED, AND I'M GOING TO SUMMARIZE FOR YOU
4 SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT THE BOOK MOBILE
5 CANNOT CURRENTLY OFFER US WHICH THE PERMANENT LIBRARY, AS
6 PLANNED BY THE COUNTY, COULD. PROGRAMMING FOR EVERY AGE,
7 ESPECIALLY ALL KINDS OF STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN, INTERNET
8 ACCESS, PERMANENT LIBRARY CANNOT ONLY HELP BRIDGE THE DIGITAL
9 DIVIDE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, BUT
10 EVEN IF PEOPLE DO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, LIBRARIES ALSO
11 HELP PROMOTE THE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS NECESSARY TO
12 EVALUATE THE HUGE EXPLOSION OF INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE ON
13 THE WEB. THEY PROVIDE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY DATABASES THAT
14 USERS CAN'T REALLY ACCESS AT HOME WITHOUT PAYING FOR EXPENSIVE
15 SUBSCRIPTIONS. THE LIBRARY COULD OFFER A COMMUNITY MEETING
16 ROOM, THE COUNTY DESIGN HAS ONE PLANNED WITH AN OUTSIDE
17 ENTRANCE TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE EVEN BEYOND THE LIBRARY'S HOURS
18 OF OPERATION WHICH COULD ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONDUCT CIVIC
19 MEETINGS, BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS, AND GENERALLY ENJOY FIRST
20 AMENDMENT RIGHTS. A PERMANENT LIBRARY COULD PROVIDE CURRICULUM
21 SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING A HOMEWORK HELP
22 CENTER AND I'VE CITED A STUDY IN MY LETTER SHOWING THAT FROM
23 THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THAT WHERE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS ARE
24 BETTER FUNDED, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS HIGHER WHETHER THE
25 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ARE RICH OR POOR AND WHETHER ADULTS IN



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1 THE COMMUNITIES ARE WELL OR POORLY EDUCATED. A PERMANENT
2 LIBRARY COULD PROVIDE BILINGUAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING
3 NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER NON-CIRCULATED MATERIALS THAT THE BOOK
4 MOBILE CANNOT OFFER SO THAT WE DO NOT DISENFRANCHISE BILINGUAL
5 RESIDENTS. MULTICULTURAL MATERIALS OF ALL KINDS, FICTION AND
6 NONFICTION, WHICH PROVIDE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHT,
7 AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HANDICAPPED ACCESS FOR ELDERLY AND/OR
8 DISABLED RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

11

12 **BARBARA METZENBAUM:** MY NAME IS BARBARA METZENBAUM. I AM --
13 GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I AM THE SCHOOL
14 LIBRARIAN FOR TOPANGA ELEMENTARY. I'M ALSO KNOWN AS AN
15 ELEMENTARY LIBRARY AIDE. I HAVE BEEN THERE NOW FOR 13 YEARS,
16 AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN AS WELL WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE L.A.
17 UNIFIED SYSTEM, AND I'M HERE IN FULL AND PASSIONATE SUPPORT OF
18 BRINGING A LIBRARY TO TOPANGA AS THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN. I HAVE
19 BEEN PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE INADEQUACIES OF A SCHOOL LIBRARY
20 IN SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DONE A
21 VERY GOOD JOB OR THE BEST WE CAN WITH OUR BUDGET. I ALSO FEEL
22 VERY STRONGLY THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS A WAY OF SUPPORTING OUR
23 SENIOR CITIZENS, OUR TEENAGERS, OUR STUDENTS WHO GO OUT OF THE
24 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE NO WAY OF
25 BRINGING PEOPLE TO AND FROM A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE VARIOUS



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1 THINGS, AS ADRIANE WAS SAYING, THAT ARE NEEDED. SO I VERY
2 BRIEFLY WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT ALL OF OUR TEACHERS AND OUR
3 PRINCIPAL AND OUR SCHOOL AND MYSELF AS A MEMBER OF TOPANGA, AS
4 A MOM, AND AS THE LIBRARY COORDINATOR AT THE SCHOOL IN ASKING
5 YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IN TOPANGA. THANK
6 YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR LISTENING.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MERRITT
9 HOLLOWAY, AND LET ME GIVE YOU THE NUMBERS OF WHICH YOU ARE
10 GOING TO BE TESTIFYING ON. MAY I HAVE ALL THE LIST THAT HE'S
11 ASKED TO SPEAK ON?

12

13 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** MADAM?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH.

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, YOU KNOW, REALLY ON
18 -- THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 3, ISN'T IT?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, SO BUT YOU'RE GOING TO TESTIFY ON
21 ALL OF THEM AT ONE TIME.

22

23 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES, I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY LIKE I ONLY
24 HAVE REALLY ABOUT TWO SENTENCES, YOU KNOW, AND I'D RATHER, YOU
25 KNOW --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO BE --

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY I MEAN I WILL ADDRESS EVERYTHING RIGHT
5 NOW BUT I JUST WANTED TO --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO SPEAK ON
8 ITEM 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, AND 32-B, AND YOU
9 HAVE THREE MINUTES.

10

11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 36.

14

15 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** 36 IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT. RIGHT? BECAUSE
16 THAT'S A SEPARATE THREE MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK WHETHER YOU SPOKE
19 WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS.

20

21 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I HAVEN'T, I HAVE NOT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT ON ALL THOSE YOU
24 HAVE THREE MINUTES --

25



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1 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC
2 COMMENT JUST REALLY QUICKLY, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO
3 REQUEST A OVERHEAD PROJECTOR --

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS RUNNING NOW. YOUR TIME IS
6 RUNNING.

7

8 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. WELL OKAY LET ME ADDRESS THE ITEMS
9 REALLY QUICKLY AND THEN I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT A
10 OVERHEAD PROJECTOR. IN ITEM NUMBER 3, IN CONSTRUCTION, THE
11 PUBLIC OBJECTS TO APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
12 FOR THE LIBRARY PROJECT. THE PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT THE PROJECT
13 CONFORM TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE C.E.Q.A., THE
14 PUBLIC OBJECTS TO AGENDA ITEM 3. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14, THE
15 PARKING TICKET CLEARLY WITH ALL THE BUDGET PROBLEMS, PAVING,
16 THE -- NOT THE PARKING TICKET. OH, THAT'S MY TICKET. ITEM
17 NUMBER 14, CLEARLY WITH ALL THE BUDGET PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE
18 COUNTY, IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE TO ALLOW
19 \$1,499 IN COUNTY PROFITS TO BE FEED OUT. THE PUBLIC OBJECT TO
20 ITEM NUMBER 14 UNLESS YOU WAIVE PARKING FEES AT EDELMAN AND
21 ALSO YOU WAIVE MY JAYWALKING TICKET. ITEM 4, 5, 6, 22 AND 23,
22 IN VACATIONS 415, WATER 6, FOOD 23 AND PETROLEUM 23, WE MUST
23 BE SURE, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
24 QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., IS REQUIRED. BIG BUSINESS AND MAJOR
25 CORPORATIONS ARE THE BIGGEST POLLUTERS ON THE PLANET, BECAUSE



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1 OF OIL, PETROLEUM, GAS AND OTHER POLLUTERS TOO NUMEROUS TO
2 MENTION, OUR GROUNDWATER IS CONTAMINATED. THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
3 COUNTY DEMAND THAT OUR VACATIONS, FOOD, PETROLEUM, AND WATER
4 THAT THEY CONFORM TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE C.E.Q.A.
5 OKAY. NUMBER 10, I'D RECOMMEND THAT 12103 BE NAMED AS WORLD
6 CHILDREN WHO DIED WHILE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES DAY. ON
8 18, I'D RECOMMEND A 12103 BE NAMED CHILDREN WHO DIED IN FOSTER
9 CARE. SINCE I'M NOT DISRUPTIVE, I WILL ADDRESS THE OTHER ONES.
10 SO, OH NO THE DEMAND FOR THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK. I THINK
11 I'VE ADDRESSED EVERYTHING. 14 -- OKAY. THE DEMAND FOR THE
12 PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK. ON ANY ITEM UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER
13 JURISDICTION OF THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM, OKAY SO THE
14 PUBLIC HAS THAT RIGHT. ALSO, TO ADOPT -- ALSO THE BOARD HAD --
15 THE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS TO ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ASSIST IN
16 PROCESSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. I ASKED FOR A OVERHEAD
17 PROJECTOR, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IT FOR OVER TWO WEEKS.
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE. YOU KNOW, IF THE PEOPLE COULD
19 SEE THE CAMERAS ON YOU GUYS, THEY WOULD REALLY BE APPALLED.
20 OKAY SO I'M ASKING AGAIN FOR A PUBLIC -- ALSO, I HAVE NOTES I
21 WANT YOU TO PUT IN. BUT ALSO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
22 BROAD CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ON COMMENTING. THE COURTS FOUND
23 THE POLICY THAT PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC FROM PUBLICLY CRITICIZING
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. OKAY? AND ALSO, THAT
25 WOULD DEAL WITH -- NOW THE ACT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES THE



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1 LEGISLATIVE BODY TO -- OKAY THE DECISION OF BACA VERSUS MORENO
2 THAT PROHIBITED DISCUSSION ARTIFICIALLY GEARED TOWARD PRAISING
3 AND MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
4 VIEWPOINT DISCRIMINATION. AND THE MOTION SEEKS TO LIMIT -- OH,
5 OKAY. THE MOTION SEEKS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VOTES PLACED ON
6 THE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE SECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WHOSE STYLE OF
7 SPEAKING TO THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE DISRUPTIVE WHILE
8 MAINTAINING A DIFFERENT STANDARD FOR THOSE WHO SPEECH STYLE IS
9 SPEAKING. AND SISTER MOLINA, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
10 WOULD SHOW THE SAME CARE AND CONCERN FOR MY ISSUES AND MY
11 RIGHTS AS YOU SHOW FOR THE CAUSES THAT YOU REGULARLY CHAMPION
12 FOR THE CLASS OF THE CRIMINAL ALIENS WHO FREELY ROAM THE
13 STREETS OF L.A. OKAY, ALSO TOO WE HAVE SOME DEMANDS HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IT'S MOVE BY --

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. I WANT -- OKAY I WOULD LIKE MY DEMANDS
18 TO BE -- I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY COPIES RETURNED TO ME AND
19 THAT THEY GET FILED--

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
22 SECONDED BY KNABE THAT ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 14 -- NO WAIT A
23 MINUTE, 22, 23, 30 -- OKAY. TELL ME WHICH ONES THAT I'M
24 LISTING THAT -- WE HAVE TO HOLD FOR HEARING. ALL RIGHT. OKAY.



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1 ON THOSE THAT -- EXCEPT FOR 4, 5, AND 6, IT'S MOVED BY
2 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 23 AND ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
5 VOTES "NO" FOR THE RECORD.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FOR THE RECORD, 23 AND 30,
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO." ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM? IS
9 ITEM 4?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON ITEM 4, NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR DON'T WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION -- I
15 THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE ITEM 3. YOU GOING TO MOVE THAT ITEM 3?

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ITEM 3, I'LL MOVE APPROVAL, AND I WANT TO
20 THANK ADRIANE AND BARBARA METZENBAUM FOR COMING ALL THE WAY
21 DOWN HERE AND THIS IS THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS REALIZATION OF
22 THAT LIBRARY. I JUST THINK IT WOULD BE -- I HOPE YOU DON'T
23 MIND IF I -- BARBARA METZENBAUM IS THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER OHIO
24 SENATOR HOWARD METZENBAUM AND A GREAT FRIEND OF WHAT WE ALL
25 WORK FOR, AND THANKS FOR -- GIVE HIM OUR BEST, TOO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SERVED WITH HIM, DIDN'T YOU? OR CLOSE TO
5 IT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH. YEAH I DID.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANYWAY I SHOULD HAVE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT.

10 ANYWAY, I MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEM 3.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT FOR THE RECORD, SO ON ITEM 30 --
13 ON 3, THAT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY AND SECONDED BY KNABE, ON --
14 ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM 4, HEARING TO VACATE WITH
17 RESERVATIONS A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW AVENUE SOUTHWEST OF
18 TELEGRAPH ROAD UNINCORPORATED LA MIRADA AREA. AND WE HAVE NO
19 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE
22 HEARD ON THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT. STAFF?

23

24 **RAFAEL MACHUKA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RAFAEL MACHUKA, I'M A
25 SENIOR SURVEY MAPPING TECHNICIAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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1 WORKS. I HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE
2 COUNTY'S EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW AVENUE
3 SOUTHWEST OF TELEGRAPH ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LA
4 MIRADA. THE VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY THE UNDERLYING PROPERTY
5 OWNERS. THE PROPOSED VACATION AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY
6 11,900 SQUARE FEET IN THIS UNIMPROVED LAND. IN MY OPINION THE
7 INVOLVED EASEMENT INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR
8 PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. EXISTING EASEMENTS FOR UTILITY
9 FACILITIES WILL BE RESERVED TO VERIZON, CALIFORNIA
10 INCORPORATED, ORCHARDDALE WATER DISTRICT, AND SOUTHERN
11 CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS
12 TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 4, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE
15 THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED, THE MATTER BE APPROVED. SECONDED
16 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING TO VACATE WITH
19 RESERVATIONS A PORTION OF COLD CANYON ROAD, NORTH OF PIUMA
20 ROAD, UNINCORPORATED MONTE NIDO AREA. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
21 PROTESTS MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STAFF UH-HUH. IS THERE ANYONE WHO WAS
24 REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

25



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1 **CAROLITO CRISTOBAL:** MY NAME IS CAROLITO CRISTOBAL AND I AM A
2 INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'VE
3 INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY EASEMENT
4 INTEREST IN A PORTION OF COLD CANYON ROAD NORTH OF PIUMA ROAD
5 IN THE UNINCORPORATED MONTE NIDO AREA. THE VACATION WAS
6 PROPOSED BY THE UNDERLYING THE OWNER. THE PROPOSED VACATION
7 AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 10,440 SQUARE FEET. IN MY OPINION,
8 THE INVOLVED EASEMENT INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR
9 PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. EXISTING EASEMENT FOR UTILITY
10 FACILITIES WILL BE RESERVED TO PACIFIC BELL, SOUTHERN
11 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, AND THE LOS VIRGINIS MUNICIPAL WATER
12 DISTRICT. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED
13 VACATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING
17 IS CLOSED AND THE ITEM IS APPROVED. CAROLITO CRISTOBAL: THANK
18 YOU.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING TO GRANT A 15-YEAR
21 COUNTY-WIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO LAKE ELIZABETH MUTUAL
22 WATER COMPANY TO RENEW EXISTING FRANCHISE. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
23 PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THIS IS JUST TO HEAR PROTESTS, IF ANY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON
3 THIS ITEM? IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
4 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 7, HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO
7 TITLE 32, FIRE, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH WERE
8 PREVIOUSLY INCORPORATED, ADD BACK CERTAIN PROVISIONS
9 INADVERTENTLY OMITTED, DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS INADVERTENTLY
10 INCLUDED IN THE 2002 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 32 AND MAKE MINOR
11 EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM
12 CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S -- IS ANYONE REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON
15 THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING
19 ITEMS MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 8 IS CONTINUED TO JANUARY 27, 2004.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CLAUDE TRENIER OF THE
23 FAMOUS TRENIER BROTHERS SINGING AND DANCING ENSEMBLE, IT WAS
24 ONE OF THE LONGEST-RUNNING ENTERTAINMENT ACTS IN LAS VEGAS,
25 WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. THE TRENIER FIRST APPEARED IN LAS



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1 VEGAS IN THE LATE '40S AT THE FLAMINGO HOTEL. THEY WERE ON
2 NUMEROUS TELEVISION VARIETY SHOWS, IN 1950S MOVIES, AND IN
3 2003, THEY APPEARED AT THE SANDS IN ATLANTIC CITY. HE'S
4 SURVIVED BY HIS TWIN BROTHER, MILTON, ANOTHER BROTHER HAROLD
5 OF LOS ANGELES AND TWO SISTERS, ANTOINETTE BURNETT OF TACOMA,
6 WASHINGTON AND TINA TRENIER OF LOS ANGELES. SERVICES ARE BEING
7 HELD TODAY IN LOS ANGELES. SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. THE
8 BALLOTING HAS BEEN -- AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
9 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
10 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OR ASSESSMENT FOR PETITION
11 NUMBER 54-300 1561101 AND 112702. AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE
12 BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND
13 ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM
14 THE ANNEX OF TERRITORIES. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THIS WAS TIED TO ITEM 21,
16 WAS THAT?

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA 2, YES.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 21 -- NO, JUST ITEM 2. ALL RIGHT. ITEM
21 1 WAS TABLED RIGHT, UNTIL LATER? YOU'RE STILL COMPUTING THOSE.
22 RIGHT? THEN THAT MUST HAVE BEEN -- THAT WAS ITEM 1, THEN.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 1-D. ITEM 1-D.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 1 WAS CONTINUED. ITEM 1 WAS CONTINUED,
2 AND SO THIS IS ITEM 2, UH-HUH. YES. THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS ON
3 2. THAT WAS CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER
4 12, I BELIEVE. AMERICA GILL. IS THAT WHO HAS REQUESTED TO
5 SPEAK ON ITEM 12? DIDN'T WE APPROVE ALL OF THOSE? I HAVE 12,
6 18, AND 19, AND 24.

7

8 **AMERICA GILL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AMERICA GILL, AND I'M A
9 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ACORN. I'M HERE TO TALK
10 ABOUT LAST WEEK'S TV INVESTIGATION BY NBC-4 THE CONFERENCE
11 'CAUSE WE ALREADY KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY IS IN HOUSING CRISIS.
12 AT ACORN, WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE
13 SLUM CONDITIONS FOR YEARS. EVERY WEEK, THOUSANDS OF TENANTS
14 FROM CITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY COME TO OUR OFFICE TO COMPLAIN
15 THAT THEY CAN'T GET THEIR ORIGINAL REPAIRS ON THEIR PROPERTIES
16 AND ALSO LOW INCOME TENANTS ARE ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO
17 EXPERIENCE THESE CONDITIONS. THE COUNTY HAS SPENT TENS OF
18 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MAKING RESTAURANT RATINGS PUBLIC, SO WHY
19 SHOULD APARTMENTS BE ANY LESS IMPORTANT? WE WANT THE COUNTY TO
20 MAKE A PUBLIC RATING SYSTEM LIKE THEY HAVE IN RESTAURANTS.
21 ALSO, WE ARE ASKING TO FIND AND PROSECUTE LANDLORDS WHO KEEP
22 VIOLATING HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES. RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, I'M
23 ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS BEEN SUED BY THE OWNER
24 BECAUSE SHE ASKED OR SHE DEMANDED HER APARTMENT TO BE
25 REPAIRED. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN, SHE'S A LOW INCOME MOTHER,



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1 SINGLE MOTHER, AND SINCE SHE WANTED HER DEPARTMENT TO BE
2 REPAIRED, THE OWNER JUST SUED HER AND REFUSED TO TAKE HER
3 RENT. SHE WENT TO COURT. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE DIDN'T HAVE A
4 LAWYER AND SHE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE FOR THE JUDGE TO SEE THE
5 EVIDENCE, THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WE'D TAKE OF THE APARTMENT, SO
6 PROBABLY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW HER APARTMENT IS, AND WE
7 THINK THAT SHE'S GOING TO LOSE THE CASE BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T
8 HAVE A LAWYER. SHE CANNOT AFFORD ONE. SHE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY
9 THE 250, \$500 OR \$800 TO PAY FOR ONE. AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
10 RAISE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS APARTMENTS, THESE HOUSES THAT
11 SHE LIVES IN. THERE'S A LOT OF KIDS WHO NEEDS -- WHO LIVE WITH
12 COCKROACHES, MICE, AND THE APARTMENTS ARE FALLING DOWN. SHE
13 HAS -- THIS IS HER CASE, SHE HAS NO BATHROOM, SHE DOESN'T HAVE
14 A LAVATORY IN HER BUILDING, AND SHE HAS THE METER INSIDE AND
15 EVERY TIME SHE TURNS ON THE WATER KNOB, SHE GETS LIKE ELECTRIC
16 SHOCKS, AND JUST THE OWNER DOESN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THAT.
17 SHE SAYS IF THE HOUSE GETS ON FIRE, IT'S GOING TO BE HER
18 FAULT. ANYWAY THIS CAN'T BE GOING ON JUST AROUND -- IT'S
19 ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE JUST ASKING TO START TAKING
20 ACTION AGAINST THIS LANDLORD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR.
23 FIELDING, WOULD YOU --

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT CAN I ASK A QUESTION?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH.

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4 **AMERICA GILL:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SAID YOU WENT TO COURT, THE LAWYER -- THE
7 OWNER TOOK YOU TO COURT?

8

9 **AMERICA GILL:** YES. SHE -- I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBOR,
10 SHE DOESN'T --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE OWNER TOOK HER TO COURT?

13

14 **AMERICA GILL:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BASED ON WHAT?

17

18 **AMERICA GILL:** SHE WAS -- SHE REFUSED TO TAKE THE RENT. SHE
19 CALLED THE OWNER AND ASKED HIM TO PAY HER TO COME TO THE HOUSE
20 TO PAY THE RENT BECAUSE HE ALWAYS GOES TO THE HOUSE AND TO
21 PICK UP THE RENT, BUT HE JUST -- HE REFUSED TO TAKE HER RENT,
22 SO HE SUED HER, STATING THAT HE -- THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO PAY
23 THE RENT, WHICH IS NOT TRUE. BECAUSE SHE WANT HER TO MOVE OUT.
24 BECAUSE --

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE WANTS HER TO MOVE OUT.

2

3 **AMERICA GILL:** YES. HE -- SHE HAS BEEN ASKING FOR ABOUT EIGHT
4 MONTHS OR ONE YEAR TO MAKE THOSE REPAIRS ON THE BUILDING, BUT
5 HE JUST REFUSES TO DO IT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAS SHE GONE TO LEGAL AID?

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9 **AMERICA GILL:** NO.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS -- WOULD IT BE WORTHWHILE FOR YOU TO MAYBE GET
12 A REFERRAL TO LEGAL AID? THERE'S VARIOUS NONPROFIT LEGAL
13 FACILITIES THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

14

15 **AMERICA GILL:** WELL, YES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE COURT DATE WAS ON
16 THE 21ST --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

19

20 **AMERICA GILL:** AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE CAN SHE DO. SHE HAS
21 SOME EVIDENCE HERE, BUT SHE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO HERE, BUT THERE IS
24 SOMETHING SHE CAN DO IF SHE WENT TO LEGAL AID. LEGAL AID WOULD
25 BE ABLE TO FILE AN ACTION TO PREVENT HER FROM HAVING TO BE



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1 MOVED OUT IF, IN FACT, SHE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THE OWNER IS
2 NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FACILITY AND THAT SHE MADE THOSE
3 EFFORTS TO REQUEST THOSE REPAIRS. DOES SHE HAVE THOSE REQUESTS
4 IN WRITING?

5

6 **AMERICA GILL:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO REFER YOU TO A
9 LEGAL AID FACILITY THAT COULD PROBABLY TAKE THE CASE FAIRY
10 QUICKLY.

11

12 **AMERICA GILL:** OKAY PERFECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS MIGHT BE ABLE TO
15 ASSIST YOU AS WELL, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP HER IN SOME
16 WAY, BUT LET'S HEAR FROM DR. FIELDING. BUT IS SOMEONE HERE
17 FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS? THEY SHOULD TALK TO HER BECAUSE HERS IS
18 A LEGAL ISSUE, BUT IT'S ALSO AN ISSUE IN TERMS OF CONSUMER
19 ISSUES. SO WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS TALK TO
20 YOU.

21

22 **AMERICA GILL:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE WAS IT LOCATED? DO YOU KNOW WHERE
4 THAT PROPERTY WAS LOCATED?

5

6 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO. WE'D BE HAPPY TO GET THAT
7 INFORMATION AND TREAT IT AS A COMPLAINT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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11 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THANK YOU. ON NOVEMBER 18TH, KNBC RAN
12 AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY INVESTIGATOR REPORTER JOEL GROVER
13 SHOWING UNSANITARY AND, IN A NUMBER OF CASES, DEPLORABLE
14 CONDITIONS IN SEVERAL RENTAL APARTMENT UNITS. IT RAISED
15 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH A TENANT GETS INFORMATION
16 ON THE RESULTS OF THE HOUSING INSPECTION AND ABOUT THE
17 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INSPECTIONS AND ASSURING THE UNITS ARE
18 MAINTAINED IN SAFE AND HABITABLE CONDITIONS. LET ME PROVIDE
19 SOME BACKGROUND AND THEN THE ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING BASED ON OUR
20 REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. WE INSPECT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY EXCEPT FOR LONG BEACH, PASADENA, AND VERNON.
22 THOSE BUILDINGS WITH FIVE OR MORE UNITS ARE INSPECTED FOR
23 HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS, AND THAT INCLUDES OVER 60,000
24 APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND 6,000 -- ROUGHLY 6,000 CONDOMINIUMS.
25 OWNERS MUST OBTAIN A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT EVERY YEAR. BY LAW,



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1 THE INSPECTORS ARE LIMITED TO COMMON AREAS OF THE BUILDING
2 EXCEPT WHEN TENANTS PERMIT ACCESS TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNITS.
3 WE'RE ALSO LIMITED TO CONDUCT ROUTINE INSPECTIONS BETWEEN 8:00
4 A.M. AND DUSK AND TO PROVIDE THOSE ON AN UNANNOUNCED BASIS.
5 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS IS THAT IT'S HARD TO GET INTO A
6 SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE UNITS, AND WE AVERAGE GETTING
7 INTO ONLY ABOUT 10% OF THE UNITS. WE INSPECT FOR INSECTS AND
8 VERMIN, WATER, PLUMBING, TOILET, SINKS, SANITATION AND GENERAL
9 ISSUES WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WE MAKE
10 APPROPRIATE REFERRALS TO BUILDING AND SAFETY FOR VIOLATIONS IN
11 THEIR AREA. WE GENERATE AN INSPECTION REPORT. THAT'S GIVEN TO
12 THE OWNER. IT INCLUDES A CHECKLIST OF VIOLATION CATEGORIES
13 WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SEVERITY. THE FORM DOES NOT INCLUDE
14 AN OVERALL SCORE FOR THE INSPECTION. HOWEVER, A SCORE IS
15 COMPUTED AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THE INFORMATION IS ENTERED INTO
16 THE DATABASE. ALTHOUGH THE SCORE IS -- NUMBERS OF POINTS
17 SUBTRACTED FROM A HUNDRED LIKE THE RESTAURANT SCORE, IT IS
18 DIFFERENT IN THAT THE HOUSING INSPECTION IS USUALLY A RESULT
19 OF ONLY INSPECTING A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL OCCUPIED
20 UNITS. THUS, IN MANY CASES, IT IS MORE A REFLECTION OF THE
21 COMMON AREAS THAN THE SPECIFIC UNITS. WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT
22 ISSUE RIGHT NOW, BUT WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED AND WANT TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT IF PEOPLE HAVE SOME NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AS A
24 GRADE, THAT THEY UNDERSTAND ITS SERIOUS LIMITATIONS. WE DO PUT
25 HOUSING BUILDINGS -- MULTIPLE FAMILY HOUSING BUILDINGS INTO



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1 SEVERAL CATEGORIES, AND THEY'RE ASSIGNED RISK LEVELS BASED ON
2 THE RESULTS OF RECENT INSPECTION REPORTS. INSPECTION REPORTS
3 ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES REQUESTS FOR
4 COPIES OF THESE. HOWEVER, IT'S MY PERCEPTION AS WELL AS
5 STAFF'S PERCEPTION THAT MOST OF THE CASES ARE FOR USE IN
6 LANDLORD/TENANT LEGAL DISPUTES. BUT ALSO MANY TENANTS DON'T
7 KNOW THAT THEY CAN OBTAIN COPIES OF THESE REPORTS. WE HAVE
8 RECEIVED -- LAST YEAR, WE RECEIVED OVER 8,000 COMPLAINTS FROM
9 MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS. WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF ACTIONS,
10 HOWEVER, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE THIS INFORMATION
11 MORE AVAILABLE. FIRST, WE WANT TO PUBLICIZE OUR COMPLAINT
12 LINE. 1-888-700-9995. BUT IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ADDED A WEB
13 SITE AND PUT THIS INFORMATION THAT WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE BUT
14 NOT ON OUR WEB SITE ON OUR WEB SITE. WE FIRST PUT THE FIRST
15 SIX MONTHS, THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, AND I
16 BELIEVE AS OF TODAY, IF NOT NOW LATER TODAY, WE WILL HAVE THE
17 RESULTS OF THE LAST TWO YEARS' OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS. MORE
18 DIFFICULT IS TRYING TO FIGURE A WAY TO PUT ON INFORMATION ON
19 ABATEMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE MULTIPLE
20 RESPONSES AND BACK AND FORTH AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY
22 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE
23 REQUIRING THAT LANDLORDS POST SIGNS OR PROVIDE COPIES OF
24 INFORMATION TO TENANTS WHICH INFORM THEM OF THE TELEPHONE
25 NUMBER TO CALL WITH COMPLAINTS AND EXPLAIN HOW TO GET ROUTINE



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1 INFORMATION ABOUT PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS. WE ARE ALSO BEGINNING
2 STAFF TRAINING AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND REINFORCING THE
3 IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY RESPONSE WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
4 STAFF THAT TAKES THESE REQUESTS. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING CURRENT
5 INSPECTION PROGRAMS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ENHANCED STAFFING
6 WITH MORE IN-DEPTH INSPECTIONS OF PROBLEM PROPERTIES,
7 PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO INSPECT
8 INDIVIDUAL UNITS WILL YIELD BETTER OVERALL COMPLIANCE AND
9 BETTER RESULTS. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION IN THIS CONTEXT THAT
10 ONE OF THE SECRETS TO IMPROVING RESTAURANT INSPECTION WAS
11 CHANGING THE INCENTIVES, AND PROVIDING DISINCENTIVES FOR
12 RESTAURANT OWNERS TO NOT COMPLY WITH OUR DIRECTIVES. THE SAME
13 ISSUE EXISTS WITH RENTAL HOUSING. THERE IS NOT A STRONG
14 INCENTIVE FOR OWNERS TO COMPLY QUICKLY, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT
15 HOW WE CAN CHANGE THE INCENTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU
16 FOR THAT. WE HAVE RECENTLY RESTRUCTURED THE MANAGEMENT
17 ORGANIZATION SO THAT THEY'RE SEPARATELY ADMINISTERED NOW FROM
18 FOOD INSPECTIONS, AND THAT PERMITS US TO SHINE A VERY CAREFUL
19 SPOTLIGHT ON THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITY. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE
20 INSPECTION FORM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FINDINGS FOR COMMON
21 AREAS SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THOSE ON THE INSIDE OF
22 APARTMENTS, BECAUSE IN MY EXPERIENCE, AND I WENT OUT AND DID
23 INSPECTIONS WITH OUR CHIEF INSPECTOR AT TWO DIFFERENT
24 BUILDINGS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT,
25 IN A COUPLE OF CASES, THE COMMON AREAS LOOKED GOOD, BUT INSIDE



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1 WAS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY. IN SOME CASES, DEPLORABLE
2 CONDITIONS. WE MAINTAINED A DATABASE OF HOUSING INSPECTIONS.
3 WE WILL BE MOVING TO A MULTI-DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ABATEMENT
4 SYSTEM, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY A YEAR OR SO AWAY. IN THE
5 MEANTIME, WE'RE GOING TO ESTABLISH INTERIM SYSTEMS TO BE SURE
6 THAT WE'RE NOT MISSING ANY INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES, AND WE'RE
7 ALSO DEVELOPING A COORDINATED DATABASE TO TRACK ALL
8 COMPLAINTS. WE WILL MEET WITH THE CITY ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEYS TO EMPHASIZE OUR DESIRE TO PUSH PROSECUTION OF
10 RECALCITRANT LANDLORDS. LAST YEAR WE HAD ABOUT 800 HEARINGS
11 THAT WE RAN. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ABOUT 400 OR SO THAT WERE
12 RUN BY CITY ATTORNEYS OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND WE'RE
13 GOING TO REALLY FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN DEAL WITH THE RECALCITRANT
14 LANDLORDS. WE ARE EXPLORING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL WHETHER THE
15 BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINDS AS A
16 MEANS OF ENHANCING COMPLIANCE, AND ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE
17 IMPOSITION OF RE-INSPECTION FEES IN SIMILAR MANNER TO WHAT WE
18 DO IN RESTAURANTS TO PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR RAPID
19 CLEAN-UP AND IMPROVEMENT. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE A FURTHER REPORT
20 ON PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO
21 IMPROVE OUR HOUSING INSPECTION TO YOU BY DECEMBER 15TH.

22
23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I WISH THAT THE PERSON IN YOUR
24 DEPARTMENT WHO WAS ASKED HAD RESPONDED WITH THAT INFORMATION.
25 UNFORTUNATELY, AN IMPRESSION WAS GIVEN THAT WE JUST DON'T CARE



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1 AS A RESULT OF THE WAY IT WAS ADDRESSED, AND I KNOW THAT
2 YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD THIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE FROM THE
3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHO RESPONDED, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO
4 GET OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S DONE, AND I WOULD HOPE ALSO THAT WHEN
5 YOU GO OUT, THAT YOU LEAVE SOME KIND OF NOTICE AND A NUMBER
6 WHERE TENANTS CAN CALL IF THEY HAVE, IN FACT, A COMPLAINT --
7 AN ARRANGEMENT FOR YOU TO COME IN THEIR APARTMENT BEFORE YOU
8 ACTUALLY ISSUE THE APPROVALS. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU INDICATED, ONE, THAT YOU'RE ONLY ABLE TO DO
11 ABOUT 10% OF THE UNITS OR, I MEAN IS THAT BECAUSE OF SECURITY
12 REASONS? IS THAT BECAUSE OF PEOPLE HESITANT TO LET YOU IN, OR
13 IS IT A -- YOU KNOW --

14

15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, THE TWO PRIMARY REASONS, AS
16 I UNDERSTAND IT, IS THAT, NUMBER ONE, THAT PEOPLE AREN'T HOME,
17 BECAUSE WE'RE LIMITED TO 8:00 A.M. TO DUSK, AND A LOT OF
18 PEOPLE ARE WORKING AND THERE'S NOBODY AT HOME, AND SECONDLY,
19 SOME PEOPLE ARE RELUCTANT TO LET US IN DESPITE HAVING ADEQUATE
20 IDENTIFICATION AND THE LIKE. THOSE ARE THE TWO MAIN REASONS.
21 NOW IN SERIOUS PROBLEMS, WE DO GO BACK A SECOND TIME AND
22 SOMETIMES EVEN MORE TO TRY AND INCREASE THAT PERCENTAGE, BUT
23 BASED ON EXISTING STAFFING, WE CAN ONLY DO THAT FOR A VERY
24 SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL STOCK, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE
25 LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT WHETHER WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ENOUGH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AS AN EXAMPLE LET'S SAY YOU HAD A 50 UNIT COMPLEX,
3 50 UNITS AND YOU HAD A COMPLAINT ON A COUPLE OF THE UNITS AND
4 YOU FOUND VERY SEVERE CONDITIONS. IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR
5 INSPECTION POLICIES THAT WOULD TRIGGER ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS
6 WITHIN THE NUMBER OF UNITS?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES. WE WOULD LEAVE -- WE WOULD TRY AND
9 GET INTO OTHER UNITS AT THAT TIME IF WE SAW A SYSTEMATIC
10 PROBLEM. WE WOULD LEAVE INFORMATION ON THE DOORS INFORMATION
11 THAT WE WERE GOING TO COME BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS. WE WILL MAKE
12 SURE THAT THAT INFORMATION INCLUDES THE COMPLAINT LINE AS
13 WELL. I DON'T KNOW CURRENTLY IF IT DOES. AND THEN WE DO COME
14 BACK, SO THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN THOSE SITUATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I JUST AS WELL WOULD REITERATE WHAT
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE INDICATED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE, YOU KNOW,
18 IF WE HAVE SOME PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, THAT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN,
19 YOU KNOW, GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PROPER VEIN SO.

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21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I AGREE, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION: WHY DOES IT TAKE AN INVESTIGATIVE
2 REPORT TO HAVE THE ACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE TO CORRECT THOSE
3 PROBLEMS? I MEAN WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THOSE PROBLEMS IN TIME.
4 YOUR INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN GOING OUT REGULARLY, AND IT SEEMS TO
5 ME THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION ARE
6 ABLE TO ARTICULATE THE PLAN OF ACTION THAT WE HAVE.

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR, SOME OF
9 THESE ISSUES SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE NOW, AND IN
10 SOME OTHER CASES I THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE OF TRYING TO MAKE
11 SURE THAT THE PUBLIC NOT ONLY GETS INFORMATION, BUT HAS THE
12 ABILITY TO INTERPRET THAT INFORMATION, AND THERE ARE
13 DIFFERENCES FROM THE RESTAURANT PROGRAM, BUT WE NEEDED TO
14 SHINE -- WE NEEDED TO DO MORE HERE AND THIS BROUGHT THAT TO
15 LIGHT, AND WE ARE DOING MORE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE INSPECTIONS,
18 HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING IN DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS. WHY
19 CAN'T WE SCHEDULE EVENING INSPECTIONS?

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WOULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. MY
22 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE ARE LIMITED, AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S
23 BY LAW, ORDINANCE, AND STATE REGULATION OR THE LIKE. I'VE BEEN
24 TOLD IT'S FROM 8:00 A.M. TIL DUSK.

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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME ASK LILA KAPOUR OF OUR
2 OFFICE TO RESPOND.

3

4 **LILA KAPOUR:** SUPERVISORS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
5 COUNTY ORDINANCE LIMITS IT TO THE BUSINESS HOURS, THAT CAN BE
6 CHANGED IF THAT'S THE BOARD'S INTENTION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT COUNTY OR STATE?

9

10 **LILA KAPOUR:** COUNTY.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

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14 **LILA KAPOUR:** IT'S A COUNTY ORDINANCE.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CAN'T --

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18 **LILA KAPOUR:** COUNTY ORDINANCE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WHY CAN'T WE CHANGE IT?

21

22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE WILL LOOK AT THAT AS WELL
23 SUPERVISOR. AND ONE OF THE, EXCUSE ME, ONE OF THE ISSUES IN
24 MEETINGS WITH THE INSPECTORS IS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT BEING IN
25 THE CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS AFTER DARK AND BEING ALONE, AND ONE



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1 OF THE THINGS WE'RE GOING TO DO ALSO WE'RE LOOKING AT IS
2 GETTING ALL OF THEM CELL PHONES, WHICH THEY CURRENTLY DON'T
3 HAVE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE SOME LIFE LINE AND ABILITY
4 TO CALL IF THERE ARE ISSUES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL YOU ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S
7 TRACKING OF COMPLIANCE BY OWNERS RELATIVE TO THE CORRECTION OF
8 VIOLATIONS?

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'RE SETTING UP A COMPREHENSIVE
11 TRACKING SYSTEM FOR COMPLAINTS, SUPERVISOR, AND WE WILL BE
12 ISSUED REPORTS AND NOT ONLY MR. AGUIRRE, BUT I WILL GET THOSE
13 REPORTS ON A PERIODIC BASIS TO BE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE
14 COMPLAINTS THAT ARE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. IN ADDITION,
15 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR LANDLORDS
16 TO MAKE CORRECTIONS QUICKLY AND WITH THE QUALITY THAT'S
17 NECESSARY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION THAT WE PASSED ON THIS ISSUE THAT
20 I HAD INTRODUCED THAT WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TIMING
21 REQUIREMENTS, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-
22 CONTROLLER AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CONDUCT A
23 FULL INVESTIGATION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HOUSING INSPECTION
24 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND RATING PROCEDURES THAT WOULD ALSO



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1 INCLUDE MODIFICATION OF TIMES, TO COME BACK FOR A REPORT AND
2 THE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THAT PROVISION.

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
5 THEM.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENFORCEMENT
8 AUTHORITY, WHY CAN'T THE DEPARTMENT IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE
9 FINES?

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT,
12 SUPERVISOR, TO SEE WHETHER WE COULD AND WHAT WOULD HAVE TO BE
13 THE PROCEDURE THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE IMPOSITION OF THOSE
14 FINES. WE'RE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT NOW.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I THINK OUR MOTION ADDRESSES THAT, WE PROBABLY
17 CAN COMBINE THE MOTIONS TO COME BACK.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS INCLUDED, TOO, BECAUSE IT'S VERY
20 DIFFICULT TO GET THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME
21 OF THESE THINGS, BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY BUSY. NOW, IN THE CITY,
22 THE CITY ATTORNEY IS MUCH MORE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD
23 ON MISDEMEANORS, BUT USUALLY THEY TELL US THAT THEY ALMOST
24 WANT SOME KIND OF FUNDING FOR MISDEMEANOR ENFORCEMENT. SO I
25 THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES WE NEED TO LOOK AT, IF THERE'S



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1 SOME POSSIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINDS, AND IF YOU WILL
2 REPORT BACK ON THAT, ALSO IN TERMS OF HOW WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
3 WORK THAT OUT IN TERMS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS. OBVIOUSLY IN
4 THE CITY, YOU DO -- YOU SEND IT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY. IS THAT
5 WHAT YOU DO?

6

7 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** DEPENDING ON THE JURISDICTION, EITHER
8 IT GOES TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND IN OTHER CASES, THE DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEY, THE CITY ATTORNEYS ARE VARIABLE IN TERMS OF THEIR
10 INTEREST AND ZEAL FOR DEALING WITH THESE KIND OF ISSUES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU SAY THERE ARE 800 CASES THAT WERE -
13 -

14

15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THERE WERE 800 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
16 THAT WE HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, AND ABOUT HALF OF
17 THOSE, THEN, WERE REFERRED AND LED TO HEARINGS BY CITY
18 ATTORNEYS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THEN A LIMITED NUMBER,
19 ABOUT 30, PROSECUTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE NEED TO REALLY FOLLOW UP
22 ON THAT AND SEE IF THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE PROSECUTIONS
23 AND FOLLOW IT UP WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY, AS WELL AS WITH THE
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SEE HOW THOSE PROSECUTIONS CAN BE
25 INCREASED AND ENFORCED.



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2 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** WE WILL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'LL REPORT BACK, WHAT, IN 30 DAYS?

5

6 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** YES SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS 30 DAYS OKAY WITH YOU SUPERVISOR

9 ANTONOVICH? ALL RIGHT. 30 DAYS, REPORT BACK.

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IF IT COULD BE RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST OF

12 THE YEAR. I'LL BE GONE THAT WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS, IF THEY

13 COULD HAVE IT --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE SAY THE SECOND WEEK IN --

16 SECOND TUESDAY IN JANUARY. THE 13TH, IS THAT OKAY?

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. COULD YOU PUT IT BACK ON THE AGENDA

21 FOR THAT DAY? ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY

22 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S BOTH MOTIONS, 12 AND 7.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON BOTH MOTIONS, RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT
2 ITEM IS ITEM 18. I THINK THAT WARREN WILLIAMS HAD REQUESTED TO
3 SPEAK ON ITEM 18. OH, THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPEAK
4 ON IT, TOO. ALL RIGHT. SO, OR -- AND MR. WILLIAMS, WILL YOU
5 PLEASE COME FORWARD? HAS ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP FOR THE REST OF
6 THESE? ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE SPEAKING ON ITEM 18, 19, 24, 32, AND
7 A-1.

8

9 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS WARREN WILLIAMS. I'M REPRESENTING
10 THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY ON THE FOUNDATION TO
11 END INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE OF FATHERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS,
12 COMMUNITIES. I SUBMITTED TO YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FROM THE
13 ESSENCE MAGAZINE DATED NOVEMBER 2003, AND IN IT, THERE'S
14 SEVERAL DIFFERENT ARTICLES THAT PERTAINS TO -- THAT CAN APPLY
15 TO ALL THESE ARTICLES. ONE IS UNDER ITEM 18, CHERISH CHILDS
16 DAY, AND THE ESSENCE MAGAZINE STATES ABOUT THE DEATH OF
17 INNOCENCE ON PAGE 152, SPEAKS OF A 14-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS LYNCHED
18 BY WHITES. THEN ANOTHER ARTICLE CALLED 'ANGRY WOMEN, BATTERED
19 MEN,' PAGE 166 TO 169. IT SPEAKS THAT -- IT SHARES ITS
20 STATISTICS FROM THE STUDY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
21 QUOTING THAT 124 WOMEN PER 1,000 COUPLES IS BATTERED BY MEN,
22 BUT IT ALSO STATES THAT 122 MEN PER 1,000 COUPLES ARE BATTERED
23 BY WOMEN. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, WE SPOKE ABOUT HAVING THE RIGHT
24 TO SPEAK BEFORE THIS BOARD ON MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEMS. I BRING
25 TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THAT UNDER THE ASSIGNED DOCUMENT



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1 THAT'S GIVEN, IT STATES THAT THE BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM
2 ACTING ON AN ITEM UNLESS THE MATTER IS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA.
3 IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AN ITEM THAT'S NOT ON THE
4 AGENDA AND A MEMBER OF PUBLIC HAS NO WAY OF GETTING A ITEM ON
5 THE AGENDA, THEN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKING ON BEHALF
6 OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE NO WAY TO GET THEIR
7 ITEMS AND CONCERNS BEFORE THIS BOARD AND THEREFORE TO EVER GET
8 RESOLUTION FROM THE ISSUES OF CONCERN. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY
9 OF THE BOARD TO KNOW THE PERSONAL THINGS THAT MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC CAN BRING BEFORE THIS BOARD AND DO. SO IF IN FACT WE
11 BRING THE THINGS UNKNOWN TO THE BOARD, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT
12 THE BOARD HEAR THE THINGS THAT WE'RE PRESENTING. TO ASSUME
13 THAT SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER ARE ACCURATELY REPORTING WHEN
14 EVEN THE GRAND JURY FOUND THAT THE COUNTY D.C.F.S. IS BROKEN
15 AND FLAWED, THAT WE KNOW PERJURY AND THESE PROBLEMS DO EXIST,
16 WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE CHECK AND BALANCES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT,
17 IT DEMANDS THAT THEREFORE THIS BOARD GIVE ACUTE ATTENTION TO
18 THE THINGS THAT'S PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND NOT
19 JUST HEAR US, BUT APPLY THOSE THINGS. 'WHAT BLACK BOYS ARE UP
20 AGAINST,' PAGE 186, THAT IS ALSO FROM THE ESSENCE MAGAZINE OF
21 2003. AND THEY'RE SPEAKING ABOUT THE HORRIBLE INJUSTICES THAT
22 PERSIST THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO BLACK MAN ON THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT I PRESENT MYSELF
24 AND OTHER PEOPLE DO WHO ARE NOT BEING REPRESENTED BY THIS
25 BOARD. OTHERWISE, THESE TRUE REALITIES, THE HORRORS THAT WE'RE



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1 EXPERIENCING WOULD BE NOT RECOGNIZED AND NOT EVEN HEARD.
2 QUICKLY, I WILL QUOTE FROM YOU OUT OF THIS BOOK, AND AGAIN,
3 IT'S IN THE ARTICLE, 'WHAT BLACK BOYS ARE UP AGAINST,' AND IT
4 STATES, "THE SYSTEM RULES BY FORCE AND ITS POWER IS IMMENSE,
5 BUT IT CAN BE DEFEATED IF ITS VICTIMS INDIVIDUALLY AND
6 COLLECTIVELY, IN AN ORGANIZED FASHION, REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE
7 CONDITIONS OF OPPRESSION."

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

10

11 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I WILL REQUEST THAT I CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE
12 TIME TO FINISH READING THIS PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL NO. YOU CAN MAKE A COPY OF IT AND
15 DISTRIBUTE IT TO US.

16

17 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I HAVE SUBMITTED A COPY TO YOU, I'D LIKE IT
18 TO GO INTO THE FILE AND WITH ALL THE OTHER FACTS YEAH I'LL
19 SUBMIT IT TO THE BOARD.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE OKAY THAT'S FINE. ALL RIGHT. VERY
22 GOOD. MOVED BY -- [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 18 AND A-1. WE'RE TAKING UP 18 --



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1 ITEM 18, AND WE'RE TAKING UP ITEM A-1. SHOULD I DO THEM
2 SEPARATELY? ON 18, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON A-1, MOVED BY KNABE,
4 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL
5 RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 24. AND, I'LL GIVE THESE BACK TO
6 YOU. WE HAVEN'T DONE 19. IS THAT IT? SHOULD WE TAKE 19 NEXT?
7 ALL RIGHT. I'LL TAKE 19 FIRST. AND ON ITEM 19, A NUMBER OF
8 PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. KAREN OCAMB, YVONNE MICHELLE
9 AUTRY, AND JULIO GIRON, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES,
10 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **KAREN OCAMB:** HI. MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB, AND I AM THE CHAIR OF
13 THE LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB SUNSHINE COMMITTEE AND THE HEAD OF
14 THE LOS ANGELES SUNSHINE COALITION. FIRST I WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DEPUTY, BRIAN CENTER FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE
16 POINTS WE'VE MADE VIA E-MAIL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN AMENDED
17 MOTION. HOWEVER, I'M STILL CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL THREATS
18 TO THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THE BOARD'S
19 RULE BOOK SAYS THAT SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FOR, QUOTE,
20 DISORDERLY CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD
21 OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF. THE RULES DEFINE SUCH BEHAVIOR AS,
22 QUOTE, A BREACH OF THE PEACE, BOISTEROUS CONDUCT, OR VIOLENT
23 DISTURBANCE OR DEFIANCE OF LAWFUL ORDERS. WHILE THAT SEEMS
24 LOGICAL, I AM CONCERNED THAT THE TERMS, QUOTE 'CONTEMPTUOUS
25 AND INSOLENT,' ARE OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. THE BROWN ACT,



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1 REMEMBER, EXPRESSLY ALLOWS FOR THE CRITICISM OF THE
2 GOVERNMENTAL BODY. ADDITIONALLY, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE RULES
3 EXCLUDING SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM FURTHER ATTENDING
4 A MEETING WITHOUT PROPER PERMISSION. WHAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY A
5 PERSONALITY CONFLICT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE PERMANENT
6 EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETINGS THEY HAVE A
7 RIGHT TO ATTEND. FINALLY, ONCE AGAIN I MUST CRITICIZE COUNTY
8 COUNSEL. LAST OCTOBER 14TH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA FORMALLY
9 REQUESTED THAT COUNTY COUNSEL, QUOTE, 'INVESTIGATE THE
10 POSSIBILITY OF EXCLUDING PEOPLE FOR DISRUPTING A MEETING.' ON
11 NOVEMBER 12TH, MR. PELLMAN TOLD SUPERVISOR MOLINA THAT HE WAS
12 PREPARING A REPORT ON THE ISSUE. THAT REPORT ABOUT PEOPLE'S
13 RIGHT TO SPEAK AT OPEN MEETINGS HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC,
14 VIOLATING THE BOARD'S OWN RULING LAST YEAR. MR. PELLMAN'S
15 ANALYSIS BECOMES ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT,
16 ON NOVEMBER 18TH, WHEN ASKED FOR A BROWN ACT RULING BY MAYOR
17 BURKE, MR. PELLMAN RENDERED AN INACCURATE RULING. HE SAID THE
18 STATUTE SAYS, QUOTE, 'THE PUBLIC MUST ADDRESS ANY ITEM,
19 SINGULAR.' THE BOARD -- THE BROWN ACT DOES SAY 'ANY ITEM ON
20 THE AGENDA.' IT'S YOUR RULE BOOK THAT SAYS, ILLEGALLY, THAT
21 MANY PEOPLE MAY ONLY SPEAK TO ONE ITEM. AFTER YOUR LAWSUIT
22 WITH THE TIMES, YOU WERE WARNED THAT YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
23 BROWN ACT WAS CONTINGENT UPON MR. PELLMAN'S JUDGMENT. WE
24 SERIOUSLY QUESTION THAT JUDGMENT. MR. PELLMAN SEEMS TO THINK
25 HE WORKS EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU RATHER THAN HEADING A DEPARTMENT



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1 THAT SERVES THE PEOPLE. HE -- EXCUSE ME, HE ROUTINELY LABELS
2 REPORTS, EVEN THOSE DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK,
3 AS CONFIDENTIAL, AS A MATTER OF ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. WE
4 MAINTAIN THAT OUTSIDE OF CLOSED SESSION LITIGATION, SUCH
5 PRIVILEGE DOES NOT EXIST. WE ALSO THINK THIS SENDS A TERRIBLE
6 MESSAGE TO OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS. IF COUNTY COUNSEL CAN DODGE
7 YOUR POLICY, WHY SHOULD THEY BOTHER? ONCE AGAIN, WE BESEECH
8 YOU TO CODIFY YOUR POLICY INTO AN ORDINANCE SO THERE IS SOME
9 INCENTIVE, SOME ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM, AND SOME PENALTY TO
10 IGNORING OR VIOLATING YOUR OWN POLICY. UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS
11 CLEAR NOW THAT IF THERE IS NO PENALTY, THERE IS NO COMPLIANCE.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES UH-HUH. STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YVONNE
17 MICHELLE AUTRY, AND I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT WHAT THIS WOMAN HAS
18 JUST SAID AND ALSO, WARREN WILLIAMS AND MERRITT HOLLOWAY. IN
19 MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE HEARD AND GUARANTEEING OUR FIRST
20 AMENDMENT RIGHT AND ALSO THE BROWN ACT, I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE
21 BOARD OF WHAT HAPPENED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, TUESDAY,
22 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2003, WHEN SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY SO RUDELY
23 AND INSOLENTLY BROKE OR VIOLATED YOUR CIVIL CODE SECTION 10,
24 LETTER A, AND I QUOTE, "DISORDERLY CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT
25 BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF TENDING TO



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1 DISRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY COURSE OF SAID MEETING,' IT SAYS
2 THAT THAT WOULD WARRANT SOME TYPE OF CENSURE AND I REPEAT, I
3 WAS ATTACKED AND THIS MAN WAS NOT REPRIMANDED, CENSURED, OR
4 ADMONISHED. SO A MAINTENANCE OF SOME TYPE OF EQUAL APPLICATION
5 OF THESE LAWS SO THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD. YOUR JOB IS
6 TO LISTEN TO US AND THEN TO TAKE OUR COMPLAINTS INTO
7 CONSIDERATION, WHICH YOU USUALLY DO NOT DO. AND I SEE THAT
8 YOU'RE GRADUALLY ERODING OUR CIVIL RIGHTS, AND WE WILL NOT
9 STAND FOR THAT. SO WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AVAILABLE WHATEVER
10 REPORT THAT THIS WOMAN SPOKE ABOUT AND ALSO, WE WILL MAKE SURE
11 THAT WE DO HAVE OUR RIGHT TO SPEAK AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
12 PETITION THE BOARD TO HAVE LONGER AMOUNTS OF TIME TO ADDRESS
13 MORE THAN ONE ITEM. AND ALSO, MORE OFTEN THAN EVERY FEW
14 MONTHS. THAT'S RIDICULOUS, AS, YOU KNOW, MEMBERS OF THIS
15 COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY WITH SO MUCH HAPPENING AND YOUR BLATANT
16 DISREGARD OF OUR CONCERNS, I THINK THAT UNLESS WE'RE ABLE TO
17 SPEAK AND UNLESS YOU HEAR OUR CONCERNS, YOU WILL OBVIOUSLY
18 CONTINUE TO IGNORE THEM. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO RESPOND TO ITEM
19 NUMBER 18. IN SUPPORT OF WHAT WARREN HAS SAID, IF YOU DO
20 RECOGNIZE THIS DAY AND ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO ASSIMILATE -- YOU
21 MENTIONED THE AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL. I HOPE THAT YOU WOULD
22 ALSO RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE THE RIGHT OF FAMILIES OF
23 DIFFERENT CULTURES TO TEACH REGARDING THE PRACTICES, THE
24 CULTURAL BELIEFS, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
25 CULTURE, THE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND DISCOURAGE THE



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1 WHITEWASHING OF OUR YOUTH. I SEE THAT HAPPENING. I THINK, AS A
2 MATTER OF FACT, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT MY CHILD AND ANOTHER
3 CHILD WAS DETAINED WAS BECAUSE WE WERE ACTIVE IN BLACK PANTHER
4 MEETINGS, ANTI-POLICE BRUTALITY MEETINGS, AND WE WERE LABELED
5 TERRORISTS, SUBVERSIVES, COMMUNISTS, AND CRAZY. I KNOW THAT WE
6 HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE IN THIS COUNTRY, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO
7 EXPRESS OURSELVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR CONCERNS ARE VALID, AND
8 YOU WILL NOT DISCOURAGE OUR EXPRESSION BY INCRIMINATING THOSE
9 OF US WHO HAVE BEEN VIOLATED AND WHOSE CIVIL RIGHTS CONTINUE
10 TO BE VIOLATED. JUST FOR THE RECORD, AGAIN, I HOPE THAT YOU DO
11 ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO EXPRESS AND TO ORGANIZE AND CONGREGATE
12 AND TO UPHOLD AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRADITIONS, NATIVE AMERICAN
13 TRADITIONS, ASIAN TRADITIONS, AND NOT LIKE THIS THANKSGIVING.
14 AGAIN, THANKSGIVING SHOULD BE EVERY DAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NOT JUST IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
19 HOLIDAY WHEN NATIVE AMERICANS WERE MURDERED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HUGO PACHECO AND THEN CANDACE OWEN. AND I
22 THINK THAT YOU WERE SPEAKING ON 19 AND 24 RIGHT? WERE YOU?
23 STATE YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **JULIO GIRON:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, I'M JULIO GIRON, A RESIDENT OF
2 L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM 18, AND OUT
3 OF RESPECT TO OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY, I WILL DO THE
4 TRANSLATION WITH NO CHARGE TO THE L.A. COUNTY, AND I WILL DO
5 IT FOR FREE. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

6

7 **JULIO GIRON:** ITEM 19, MS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS AN ABUSE TO
8 THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

9

10 **JULIO GIRON:** NO GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO
11 DISRESPECT ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [SPEAKING
12 SPANISH]

13

14 **JULIO GIRON:** BUT IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA,
15 WITH REALITY AND RESPECT AND ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT AND USE THAT EXCUSE HAS AND
17 IN USE OF THE BROWN ACT, THAT EXCUSE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. [
18 SPEAKING SPANISH]

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20 **JULIO GIRON:** THIS ITEM 18 BECAUSE OF THIS FREEDOM OF
21 EXPRESSION. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

22

23 **JULIO GIRON:** WE, THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS, AND I'M
24 ADDRESSING SUPERVISOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE M.T.A. YAROSLAVSKY,



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1 ARE THOROUGHLY OFFENDED WITH THESE SIGNS. WHEN THEY SAY THEN
2 THEY'RE HAPPY TO COME BACK. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

3

4 **JULIO GIRON:** WE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS OF LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY DEMAND ON THESE SIGNS THAT SHOULD WE ARE BACK
6 AND WE AND OUR CORRUPT LABOR UNIONS ARE THE REASON WHY YOU
7 LOST YOUR HEALTH, YOU LOST TIME ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND YOU
8 LOST YOUR JOB. WE ARE TOTALLY DISSATISFIED WITH THIS, AND YOU
9 SAY IT RIGHT, YOU SAID SENOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU CALL
10 IT CORRECTO. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU SAY IT RIGHT. THE
11 CUSTOMERS SUFFER THE MOST. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

12

13 **JULIO GIRON:** THEREFORE, WE ARE ANNOUNCING HERE WHAT WE WILL
14 NOT STOP, WE WILL SUE THE LABOR UNIONS, A.T.U. AND UNITED
15 TRANSPORTATION UNION ALSO FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR ALL THE
16 DAMAGES. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

17

18 **JULIO GIRON:** AND MADAM CHAIRMAN WE THANK YOU FOR UNION AND
19 ALSO --

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **JULIO GIRON:** BUT WE ARE NOT HAPPY, WE WERE HAPPY ESPECIALLY
24 WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD LIKE YOU THAT RECEIVE MONEY
25 ON THE TABLE AND UNDER THE TABLE --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

3

4 **JULIO GIRON:** FROM THE LABOR UNIONS, IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD CHRISTINA EDWARDS, DID SHE COME UP
7 YET? CHRISTINA EDWARDS? YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **HUGO PACHECO:** YES. MY NAME IS HUGO PACHECO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE SPEAKING ON 19 AND 24 RIGHT?

12

13 **HUGO PACHECO:** YES SO HOW DOES THAT --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

16

17 **HUGO PACHECO:** THREE MINUTES FOR BOTH. IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S -- FOR TOTAL, FOR THE TWO.

20

21 **HUGO PACHECO:** TOTAL OKAY. SO I GOT TO BE A LITTLE CAREFUL. LET
22 ME MENTION THAT IT KIND OF FITS TOGETHER WITH THE ITEM NUMBER
23 24. FOR THE PAST YEAR, WE IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS, SOME OF THE
24 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPRESS OURSELVES BEFORE OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, AND EACH TIME WE EXPRESS OURSELVES, WE



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1 ARE TOLD THAT WE'RE DISRUPTIVE, AND THIS IS KIND OF CRITICAL,
2 BECAUSE HOW ELSE CAN WE EXPLAIN OURSELVES UNLESS WE HAVE THE
3 RIGHT TO COME BEFORE A BOARD? I FIND THAT IF YOU SUPPORT THIS
4 RESTRICTION THE WAY IT'S STATED AS I SAW IT A FEW MINUTES AGO,
5 YOU ARE GOING TO VIOLATE THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SPEAK UP. WE
6 ARE ONE VOTE PER PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WE SHOULD HAVE
7 THAT ABILITY TO COME UP BEFORE YOU, WHO ALSO ONLY HAVE ONE
8 VOTE AS A CONSTITUTION, TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND SAY 'YOU KNOW
9 WHAT? I DON'T AGREE WITH YOU. I DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE
10 DOING IN MY COMMUNITY.' AND WHETHER WE'RE DISRUPTIVE, THAT
11 TERM, TO ME IS LIKE WAIT A MINUTE, RIGHT NOW HALF OF YOU MIGHT
12 SEE ME AS DISRUPTIVE, THE OTHER HALF MAY NOT SEE ME, BUT WHO
13 HAS CONTROL OVER THIS? I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FORUM
14 BE OPEN, THAT PEOPLE BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. ON ITEM
15 24, LET ME BE MORE EXPLICIT, THE CONTRACT ITSELF, I
16 UNDERSTAND, INCLUDES THE WALL LOS MEMORIAS. YOU KNOW, I'VE
17 BEEN BROUGHT UP OR CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP AGAINST ME,
18 AND IN SOME CASES, FRAUDULENTLY, TO THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
19 COMMISSION, STATING THAT I'M A GAY BASHER AND A HATE MONGER,
20 AND THAT REALLY, REALLY CONCERNS ME THAT AN ORGANIZATION
21 THAT'S USING OUR TAXPAYER MONEY IS GOING AFTER INDIVIDUAL
22 CITIZENS, AND HAD I NOT GONE TO AN ANTI-PROPOSITION 54 RALLY,
23 I WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS WAS OCCURRING IN THE
24 COUNTY. PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION. IF YOU TALK
25 ABOUT TERRORISM, THAT ORGANIZATION IS TERRORIST. IT HAS NOT



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1 EVEN GIVEN YOU AN ACCOUNTING OF THE WAY THEY SPEND THEIR
2 MONEY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND COULD WE ASK
5 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL TO PLEASE COME FORWARD ALSO. SHE'S ASKING
6 TO SPEAK ON 19 AND 24. YES. MISS OWENS AND THEN...

7

8 **CANDACE OWEN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
9 I'D LIKE TO QUOTE WHAT THE PUBLIC CANNOT SEE THAT'S WRITTEN
10 RIGHT BEFORE ME, THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE,
11 AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. I HOPE THE
12 PUBLIC IS PAYING ATTENTION, BECAUSE WE MIGHT HAVE TO BRING
13 SOME BLACKOUT TO "X" OUT "PERISH FROM THE EARTH" BECAUSE WE
14 ARE SLOWLY LOSING OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND JUST THE FACT THAT
15 THE BOARD WOULD CHOOSE TO LIMIT OUR RIGHTS, AND I'VE BEEN
16 COMING DOWN HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND I DON'T KNOW,
17 MOLINA, WHAT'S TAKEN YOU SO LONG, I MEAN WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS
18 PEOPLE, WHAT I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IS IT'S POSSIBLE THAT
19 THERE ARE NUMEROUS PEOPLE GATHERING AND HAVING A PROTEST
20 COMING UP AND OUT OF FEAR THAT THE PUBLIC MIGHT COME DOWN AND
21 REALLY VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ON THE MISCONDUCT WITH CHILDREN'S
22 SERVICES IS JUST -- AND AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF THOSE DISRUPTIVE
23 PARENTS THAT YOU'RE IDENTIFYING ARE THOSE OF US WHO ARE
24 LIMITED IN THE COURTS, COUNTY COUNSEL VIOLATES OUR RIGHTS,
25 CONTINUOUSLY, AND I'M JUST SO DISHEARTENED THAT THE PUBLIC



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1 ISN'T MORE INVOLVED, BUT WHEN YOU DO HAVE US, YOU SHOULD
2 APPRECIATE THAT THERE ARE CITIZENS WHO DO STILL CARE, BUT WHEN
3 YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH POWER, YOU'RE BULLET PROOF VEHICLES,
4 YOU ARE EXHIBITING THAT YOU ARE AFRAID OF THE PUBLIC AND YOU
5 SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF THE PUBLIC, AND WHEN YOU GO AND YOU
6 DISALLOW PEOPLE TO SPEAK, THEN, OF COURSE, WHAT ARE THEY GOING
7 TO DO WHEN THEY CANNOT BE HEARD IN THE COURT AND THEY CANNOT
8 BE HEARD PUBLICLY, WHERE WILL THEY GO THEN? AND THOSE ARE THE
9 THINGS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND AS BOARD MEMBERS, YOU
10 SHOULD BE CONCERNED, AND I DO HAVE A SUGGESTION. PERHAPS IF
11 YOU DID NOT GIVE SO MANY AWARDS YOURSELF IN THE BEGINNING OF
12 THE MEETINGS, WE COULD HAVE AMPLE TIME AND PERHAPS MAYBE MORE
13 CITIZENS MIGHT COME DOWN TO THE BOARD, AND I HAVE SEEN
14 NUMEROUS PEOPLE THAT VIOLATE THE BOARD'S CLAPPING POLICY, BUT
15 AGAIN, THERE'S A TWO-POLICY HERE. WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT
16 ARE HERE SPEAKING TO BENEFIT YOURSELF, YOU LET THEM SPEAK IN
17 EXCESS OF THE TIME. AND I'M TIRED OF IT, AND THE PUBLIC -- AND
18 I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT THERE ARE SOME CONSISTENT PEOPLE COMING
19 DOWN HERE TRYING TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE THE PUBLIC AND WE
20 HAVE RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US AND HOW CAN WE EXERCISE
21 THEM WHEN YOU LIMIT THEM AND VIOLATE OUR OWN CONSTITUTIONAL
22 RIGHTS? AND I WOULD JUST LIKE, IN CLOSING, TO REMIND THE BOARD
23 WHAT THE DEFINITION OF A NAZI IS. WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY STATES
24 THAT THE DEFINITION OF A NAZI IS SYSTEMATIC ELIMINATION OF
25 OPPOSITION. SO IF YOU CAN GET RID OF THE PUBLIC, THEN YOU CAN



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1 JUST -- YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST RUN YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND
2 JUST EXCLUDE US, BECAUSE, ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU
3 DO ANYWAY, ISN'T IT, BURKE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE. AND YOU'RE ON 19
6 AND 24.

7

8 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** YES. CHRIS EDWARDS FROM PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.
9 I'LL BE BRIEF ABOUT ITEM 19. IF INDEED THE EMAIL WAS CORRECT,
10 I'M CONCERNED THAT A COPY OF THAT AMENDED MOTION WASN'T
11 PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM SO THE PUBLIC
12 HAD A CHANCE IT REVIEW THE ITEM FULLY, IF INDEED IT WAS
13 AMENDED, THAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE -- IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR
14 US TO ADDRESS WHAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE GOING TO BE, OKAY SO IT
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE EARLIER. IN BRIEF, WHAT'S BEING
16 ATTEMPTED IS VERY SUBJECTIVE IN DEFINITION AND I THINK THAT'S
17 THE --

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR -- YOU'RE
20 GOING TO SAY WHAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN DO IT AFTERWARDS --

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24 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** NO I JUST -- I WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOUR
25 ATTENTION. IT WOULD'VE BEEN HELPFUL TO HAVE HAD THAT FIRST



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1 BEFORE THE ENTIRE 19 DISCUSSION OCCURRED. BUT IT BECOMES A
2 SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN YOU USE SUBJECTIVE TERMS TO DEFINE
3 BEHAVIOR. OKAY? SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO DEFINE BEHAVIOR, YOU
4 NEED TO BE CONSISTENT, AND THE RULES NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR AND
5 THEY NEED TO BE OBJECTIVE, NOT SUBJECTIVE. AND I WOULD HAVE TO
6 SUPPORT THE OPINION THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE GET LONGER RIGHTS TO
7 SPEAK THAN OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE SPEAKING IN YOUR
8 BEHALF OR ON YOUR BEHALF. SO PERHAPS THAT RULE CAN BE AMENDED.
9 ITEM 24, AND I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO PASS IT BECAUSE THAT'S
10 GENERAL BEHAVIOR. HOWEVER, FIRST OF ALL, I DOWNLOADED THIS
11 FROM THE INTERNET SITE AND I GOT A COPY TODAY FROM THE
12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME THAT THE
13 ENTIRE INFORMATION ON PALMS RESIDENTIAL IS MISSING, WHICH
14 WOULD LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT THIS ITEM IS INCOMPLETE IN ITS
15 PRESENTATION. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO
16 REVIEW IT, LET ALONE FOR YOU FOLKS TO REVIEW IT, UNLESS OF
17 COURSE IT IS A FAIT ACCOMPLIT, AS OFTEN OCCURS. THIS IS
18 SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT DEVELOPING CONSORTIAS, NOWHERE DO I SEE
19 ALIONZA MENTIONED, WHICH IS A CURRENT -- IT'S CONSORTIA, OF
20 LATINO AND LATINO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS
21 COUNTY. OH, THAT'S RIGHT, THEY DO IT FOR FREE. THAT MIGHT BE
22 WHY THEY'RE NOT MENTIONED. NOR IS, I BELIEVE IT'S PRONOUNCED
23 EUGENIA, I MAY HAVE MISPRONOUNCED THAT ONE, BUT THAT IS AN
24 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONSORTIUM THAT EXISTS. MY
25 CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE LIMITED DOLLARS, AND I WOULD PREFER TO



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1 SEE THOSE LIMITED DOLLARS GET THE MOST BANGS FOR THOSE BUCKS.
2 HAVING COME FROM THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT INDUSTRY, WHERE I HAVE
3 BEEN A MEMBER OF CONSORTIUMS, I WAS -- OUR CONSORTIUMS NEVER
4 HAD PAID EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. WE'RE PAYING ONE FOR HERE. IT'S
5 IN THIS BUDGET. MOST OF THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT I REVIEWED SO
6 FAR HAVE TO DO WITH LOBBYING OR QUOTE, UNQUOTE ADVOCACY
7 ACTIVITIES. VERY LITTLE ABOUT MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT,
8 WHICH IS JUST WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT. I COUNTED ON A
9 SCOPE OF -- SCOPE A-1, SCOPE A-2, AND SCOPE A-3 EXHIBITS, 15
10 TIMES, LOBBYING, ADVOCACY, LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS, POLICY
11 PROVISIONS ARE DESCRIBED. TWO, ABOUT BARRIERS TO CARE, MEDICAL
12 INTERVENTION, ET CETERA. SO THIS IS NOT AN R.F.P. ON GETTING
13 EARLY TREATMENT AND PREVENTION AND CARE OUT THERE. IT'S ALL
14 ABOUT LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY AND PREVENTION. AT LEAST AS MY MOM
15 WOULD SAY NAME A CAT A CAT. OH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU COULDN'T USE
16 FUNDS IF THIS WAS ALL ABOUT LOBBYING. SUPPORT THE CONSORTIUMS
17 IN PLACE. DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL. REVIEW THESE BUDGETS AND
18 THEY ARE REALLY OUT OF KILTER. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YES, STATE
21 YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GOOD AFTERNOON, I MEAN
24 GOOD MORNING. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ITEM 19, YOU KNOW I AM
25 CONCERNED ABOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH. I SEE, YOU KNOW, MANY OF



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1 THE SPEAKERS BEFORE ME HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN, AND I THINK
2 THE REASON PEOPLE ARE UPSET IS BECAUSE THE LACK OF CONSISTENCY
3 IN APPLYING THE RULE. WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE HERE FROM THE UNION
4 TALKING AND SPEAKING, THEY CAN SPEAK BEYOND THE THREE MINUTE,
5 THEY CAN APPLAUD, THEY CAN MAKE NOISE, THEY ARE NOT RUN OUT,
6 BECAUSE YOU WANT THEM TO SPEAK FOR YOU. WHEN, YOU KNOW, TODAY
7 IS COME AND DISRUPTS THE MEETING FOR ALMOST 20 MINUTES, YOU
8 LET HIM DO IT. YOU KNOW, IN LIFE, WHEN YOU ARE FAIR WITH
9 EVERYBODY, PEOPLE ACCEPT A LOT OF THE TOUGH RULING. AND I'M
10 NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT ME BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TREATED FAIRLY MOST
11 OF THE TIME, BUT I THINK YOUR DESIRE TO PREVENT PEOPLE TO
12 SPEAK OF EACH ITEM, AND PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF, WHO ARE EXPERT IN
13 THE FIELD THAT WE ARE SPEAKING, I AM VERY NARROW IN WHAT I
14 SPEAK TO YOU. I ONLY SPEAK TO YOU WHAT MY EXPERTISE ALLOW ME
15 TO DISCUSS. TO PREVENT ME TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM I WANT TO
16 SPEAK, I THINK IS ILLEGITIMATE. BUT LIKE MY DAUGHTER SAID, YOU
17 DON'T CARE BECAUSE YOU'VE GOING TO TAKE THE DECISION ANYWAY. I
18 HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE BOARD FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEAR ALMOST
19 EVERY WEEK, AND ON MAYBE ONLY ONE TIME, ONE ITEM, YOU CHANGE
20 YOUR DECISION. WE COME TO YOU BOARD KNOWING THAT THERE IS
21 ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE THAT IT WILL BE CHANGED BECAUSE YOU HAVE,
22 FIRST OF ALL, A CONSENT AGENDA. WE KNOW BY ALL THE PSYCHOLOGY
23 THAT WE KNOW, THAT WHEN SOMEBODY HAVE TAKING THE DECISION,
24 IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE IT. SO YOU ALREADY SET
25 YOURSELF TO HAVE TOTAL CONTROL AND YOU HAVE PROVEN ME BY



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1 ATTENDING ALL THOSE MEETINGS THAT YOU HAVE NO INTENTION TO
2 INCORPORATE THE KNOWLEDGE WHEN IT'S BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC. AND
3 SOME OF US OF THE PUBLIC ARE EXPERT, AND IN MANY OF THE ISSUE,
4 KNOW MORE THAN YOU DO. FOR YOU TO EVEN LISTEN AND EVEN TRY TO
5 COMMUNICATE WITH US AND TO MAKE SOME CHANGE. NOW I'M GOING TO
6 BRIEFLY TALK TO ITEM 24. FIRST OF ALL, ITEM 24 SHOULD HAVE
7 NEVER BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHOUT GOING TO THE
8 HEALTH DEPUTY. I THINK BECAUSE THE TERM "MODIFY" APPEAR, I
9 THINK THAT SHOULD GO BACK TO R.F.P., BUT OF COURSE THAT WILL
10 NOT MAKE SENSE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY HAVE ALREADY
11 OKAYED THAT IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AND ALL THE MONEY WILL GO
12 TO ULTRA MED AND THE WALL OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THAT. DO YOUR
13 HOMEWORK, THIS IS AN R.F.P. WHO HAVE MODIFIED, WHO HAVE BEEN
14 CHANGED, ALTERED. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL
15 REVIEW THAT PROPOSAL BEFORE IT'S ACCEPTED. I THINK THAT IT
16 WILL BE IMPERATIVE THAT YOU REVIEW IT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON ITEM NUMBER 19,
19 IT'S -- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WANTED TO ADD AN AMENDMENT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ITEM ARE WE ON SORRY?

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON YOUR ITEM, 19.



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES I DO. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT.
2 AND AGAIN, THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO HOPEFULLY BRING
3 ORDER TO OUR BOARD. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUT
4 VARIOUS ITEMS AND ALSO RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC, AND THAT
5 RESPONSIBILITY IS, AGAIN, TO LISTEN TO FOLKS THAT COME IN AND
6 SOMETIMES THEY COME IN FROM FAR AWAY AND HAVE THOUGHTFUL
7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US, AND WE ARE TRYING TO BE ATTENTIVE TO
8 THOSE. MANY OF US WORK. IN LISTENING TO MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS
9 ON THE ISSUES BEFOREHAND, AND SO WHEN THEY COME TO THE BOARD,
10 WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY AND THEY'RE POSTED AND HOPEFULLY YOU
11 COMMUNICATE WITH OUR OFFICES ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES AS WE DID
12 IN AMENDING THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, AND MANY A TIMES, EVEN
13 THOUGH WITH AMENDMENTS THAT ARE PROVIDED, YOU STILL CANNOT
14 PLEASE EVERYONE, AND WE WON'T HAVE THAT ABILITY. BUT THIS
15 ACTION IS NOT TO LIMIT AT ALL. THE BROWN ACT, WHICH IS WHAT WE
16 ARE GOVERNED UNDER, ALLOWS US AND ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO HAVE
17 THOUGHTFUL PUBLIC INPUT AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO COME TO
18 US ON A REGULAR BASIS, THEY COME TO EVERY SINGLE MEETING, AND
19 THEY HAVE VERY THOUGHTFUL INPUT INTO IT. THERE ARE MANY WHO
20 COME AND, YES, PROVIDE INSULTING REMARKS, BUT THEY'RE ENTITLED
21 TO DO SO. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE OBJECTING TO HERE. WHAT WE
22 HAVE IS HAD A LOT OF DISORDER FROM PEOPLE WHO WILL HOLD ITEMS
23 JUST TO CREATE DISRUPTION. ONCE WE'VE HAD 37 ITEMS HELD.
24 TODAY, OUT OF THE 22 ITEMS THAT WERE BEFORE US, OTHER THAN THE
25 ITEMS THAT WERE HELD, WE HAD 12 OF THEM WERE HELD. AND SO THIS



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1 HAS BEEN AN ONGOING INTENT TO DISRUPT AND NOT TO REALLY
2 PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL INPUT AS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT I
3 THINK THE BROWN ACT SPEAKS TO. SO AGAIN, THE ISSUE IS ABOUT
4 ORDER, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT AT ANY TIME THE
5 CHAIR, WHO IS GOVERNING THE ORDER OF THE DAY, CAN ALLOW, THE
6 BOARD CAN ALLOW FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND ANY OF THOSE KINDS
7 OF ASPECTS. BUT AGAIN, WE DO NEED A SET OF RULES,
8 UNFORTUNATELY, TO GOVERN THOSE FOLKS WHO, QUOTE, 'ARE
9 DISRUPTIVE.' THIS BOARD, FOR THE MOST PART, WORKS VERY HARD IN
10 NEVER HAVING TO EXPEL ANYONE OUT OF THESE MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE
11 THEY ALL SHOULD SIT HERE AND PARTICIPATE AND THAT WE SHOULD
12 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN ORDER TO BRING ORDER TO THE ACTUAL
13 WORK THAT WE HAVE TO DO. AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN PEOPLE ARE
14 DISRUPTIVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A RULE IN PLACE IN ORDER TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN CARRY OUT THAT WORK, SO I HAVE AN
16 AMENDMENT TO THIS ITEM, WHICH IS AMENDMENT TO ITEM NUMBER 19.
17 THE BROWN ACT ENTITLES A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK BEFORE
18 A GOVERNING BODY AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND IDEAS
19 REGARDING ANY ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. THE BROWN ACT ALSO
20 ALLOWS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ANY
21 OTHER ISSUE, BUT THE BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM ACTING ON IT
22 UNLESS THE MATTER IS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA. DURING THE LAST
23 SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
24 CONSISTENTLY CAUSED DELAYS AND INTERRUPTIONS OF THE MEETINGS.
25 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM



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1 THE BOARD INSTITUTE A RULE TO EJECT DISRUPTIVE PEOPLE FROM THE
2 MEETINGS AND, IF NECESSARY, PROHIBIT THEM FROM SPEAKING AT
3 FUTURE MEETINGS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
4 BOARD RULES IMMEDIATELY BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE ABUSE OF
5 PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIVILEGES BY ALLOWING THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD
6 UPON A VOTE TO REMOVE THE PERSON WHO IS BEING DISRUPTIVE FROM
7 THE MEETING. IN ADDITION, BASED ON THE NUMBER AND THE SEVERITY
8 OF PRIOR INCIDENTS AND OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, THE CHAIR OR
9 THE BOARD, UPON A VOTE, MAY PROHIBIT SUCH PERSONS FROM
10 SPEAKING AT FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS.
11 THE DEFINITION OF DISRUPTIVE CURRENTLY IS IN THE BOARD RULES
12 AND INCLUDES SUCH CONDUCT AS REFUSING TO STOP ADDRESSING THE
13 BOARD FROM THE CROWD, A BREACH OF THE PEACE, A CONTEMPTUOUS,
14 DISORDERLY, BOISTEROUS OR VIOLENT CONDUCT THAT INTERPRETS THE
15 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE MEETING. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD
16 RULES BE AMENDED AS ATTACHED TO CONFORM TO THE BOARD'S CURRENT
17 PRACTICE OF LIMITING EACH SPEAKER TO THREE MINUTES PER
18 MEETING, TO DELETE THE LIMITATION WHICH IS NEVER ALLOWED THAT
19 PEOPLE BE HEARD ONLY ON ONE ITEM PER MEETING, AND THE C.A.O.
20 AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE BOARD ENSURE THAT NEW RULES
21 BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. NOW, I'VE AMENDED THIS ITEM
22 HOPEFULLY TO MEET THE NEEDS. IT IS MY INTENT THAT HOPEFULLY WE
23 WOULD GET ORDER FROM THE CHAIR AND THAT WE OPERATE IN AN
24 ORDERLY FASHION, THAT WE DON'T EVER HAVE TO EXPEL ANYONE,
25 ANYONE AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO LIMIT PEOPLE FOR THE MOST



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1 PART WHEN THEY ARE BRINGING FORTH THEIR CONCERNS TO US, EVEN
2 IN INSULTING TERMS WHATSOEVER. THIS IS AGAIN TO BRING ORDER TO
3 THIS BOARD. THE BROWN ACT PERMITS IT, AND I THINK THAT WE ARE
4 WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. AGAIN IT'S IS WE'VE PUT IN A PROCESS
5 THAT ISN'T A SIMPLE PROCESS, IT IS BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR OR BY
6 A VOTE OF THIS BOARD. SO I SUBMIT THESE AS AMENDMENTS. WE DID
7 TALK TO VARIOUS FOLKS FOR INPUT UNDER IT, AND THIS IS THE
8 MIDDLE GROUND THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET TO. AND SO THIS IS THE
9 AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE ON ITEM NUMBER 19.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT DOES THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE --
12 DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT OR HAVE YOU REVIEWED IT?

13

14 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE
15 REVIEWED THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS PROPOSED AND WE
16 DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT AND YOUR
17 CURRENT BOARD RULES AND IT WILL AMEND THEM TO PROVIDE AS THE
18 SUPERVISOR HAS JUST EXPRESSED TO THE BOARD, SO.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNDER CURRENT RULES THE CHAIR COULD HAVE A
23 PERSON REMOVED FOR DISRUPTING THE BOARD MEETING, IS THAT NOT
24 CORRECT?

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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S THE POLICY. SECONDLY WHAT WE'RE
4 ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE IS TO LIMIT A PERSON TO THREE MINUTES ON
5 ONE ITEM IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** TO LIMIT A SPEAKER TO THREE MINUTES TOTAL FOR
8 ANY ITEMS HELD, AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CURRENT
9 PROVISION IN THAT BOARD RULES THAT LIMITS A PERSON TO ONE ITEM
10 BE DELETED, THAT HAS NOT BEEN YOUR BOARD'S PRACTICE AND THESE
11 AMENDMENTS WOULD BRING THE RULES INTO CONFORMITY WITH YOUR
12 PRACTICE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT IS BEING DONE, BEING PROPOSED IS TO
15 LIMIT A THREE-MINUTE COMMENTARY ON ONE OR MORE ITEMS THAT AN
16 INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD?

17

18 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, DIFFICULTIES THAT I HAVE
21 IS ON THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH AND THAT THAT SPEECH, YOU KNOW,
22 BE LIMITED BUT NOT TO THE POINT WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE THE
23 ABILITY OF FREE SPEECH. AND WHILE THERE ARE TIME LIMITS WHICH
24 WE HAVE IMPOSED, SOMETIMES IF YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WE
25 LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE, OTHERWISE IT'S A THREE-MINUTE TIME



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1 FRAME, PEOPLE IT IS AT TIMES AN INCONVENIENCE BUT AT OTHER
2 TIMES IT -- I SHOULD SAY AT TIMES IT IS AN INCONVENIENCE BUT
3 AT ALL TIMES IT'S A RIGHT THAT A CITIZEN HAS TO ADDRESS THEIR
4 GOVERNING BODY, BE IT A CITY OR A COUNTY. I KNOW AT THE STATE
5 THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
6 DIRECTLY IN A CONGRESSIONAL OR A LEGISLATIVE BODY. THEY DO
7 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES AT COMMITTEE HEARINGS AT TIMES BUT THEY
8 DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DISRUPT A STATE SENATE, STATE
9 ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE MEETING WHEN
10 THEY ARE DISCUSSING AND DEBATING ISSUES ON THE FLOOR BUT WHILE
11 IT'S AN INCONVENIENCE IT'S STILL A RIGHT THAT LOCAL CITIZENS
12 HAVE HAD. AND I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO HAVE LIMITS BUT I BELIEVE
13 RESTRICTING IT TO THREE MINUTES FOR A NUMBER OF ITEMS GOES IN
14 THE WRONG DIRECTION BUT THE CHAIR HAS THE POWER TO DISRUPT --
15 TO REMOVE A DISRUPTIVE PERSON. WE HAVE EXERCISED THAT IN THE
16 PAST, AND WE HAVE RETAINED ORDER IN THE PAST. BUT I JUST HAVE
17 SOME SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF FREE SPEECH.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I HAVE FILED THIS RULE OF -
20 - THAT I THINK EVERYONE I THOUGHT AGREED TO, EVEN THOUGH WE
21 DIDN'T DO IT IN A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD POLICY, OF
22 LIMITING PEOPLE TO THREE MINUTES, BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE
23 THAT SIGN UP FOR 20 ITEMS. NOW IF WE GIVE EACH ONE OF THOSE
24 THREE MINUTES FOR EACH ITEM, THEY WILL EACH HAVE ABOUT AN HOUR
25 AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'VE DONE ON HEARINGS WHERE
7 WE'VE HAD LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AND YOU LIMIT IT TO A ONE-
8 MINUTE --

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU GIVE THEM 15 MINUTES?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A -- YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH
13 IS ONE OF OUR RIGHTS AND TO ABRIDGE THAT RIGHT HAS TO BE
14 WITHIN A FRAME OF WORKABILITY, AND IF YOU CAN REDUCE THAT TIME
15 FRAME TO A MINUTE, THEN PERHAPS WE HAVE TO DO IT. BUT THE
16 HANDFUL OF GADFLIES -- AND I DON'T MEAN THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED TO
17 MISUSE THIS RIGHT, THEY KIND OF -- IT VARIES, I MEAN EACH YEAR
18 YOU GET A NEW GROUP OF -- A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE AND I REMEMBER,
19 YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE FIRST ON THIS BOARD MANY YEARS AGO SOME
20 OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAD, AND THEN THE -- MR. SHAPIRO, WITH
21 HIS COMING DOWN AND --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK HE EVER ASKED TO SPEAK ON TEN
24 ITEMS, I THINK HE USUALLY ASKED TO SPEAK --

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING THAT THE NUMBER, YOU
2 KNOW, MR. ROSS, GOD BLESS HIM, HE WOULD HOLD A COUPLE ITEMS TO
3 HIS TIME FRAME AND GET UP AND LEAVE, MUTTERING WHEN HE WOULD
4 LEAVE. BUT, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU -- HOW A PUBLIC BODY CAN
5 REGULATE INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS BEYOND PUTTING IN SOME TIME
6 LIMITS AND A POLICY THAT WOULD REMOVE THEM ONCE THEY BECAME
7 DISRUPTIVE AND DID NOT ABIDE BY THOSE TIME LIMITS, YOU KNOW.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I THINK, I MEAN THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION IS
12 NOT TO LIMIT FREE SPEECH. AND PART OF THE PROBLEM WE HAVE, IF
13 YOU HOLD 20 ITEMS, THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE EITHER. THE ISSUE IS
14 THAT THE 20 ITEMS ARE BEING HELD SO THEY CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR
15 OWN PERSONAL SITUATION WITHIN A NON-AGENDAIZED ITEM, AND I
16 THINK THAT'S THE SIGNIFICANT -- THE CHAIR STILL HAS
17 FLEXIBILITY EVEN UNDER -- AND I KNOW THAT, AS I TAKE OVER NEXT
18 WEEK AND SUPERVISOR BURKE GLADLY GIVES ME THAT CHAIR, THAT
19 I'LL BE TESTED IMMEDIATELY. AND I THINK WE HAVE THE
20 FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE AS GENEVIEVE MENTIONED THERE ARE THOSE
21 THAT OFFER EXPERT TESTIMONY ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, THEY MAY HOLD
22 MORE THAN ONE ITEM. THERE'S NO INTENT HERE NOT TO ALLOW THAT
23 TO HAPPEN. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO IS ADD SOME DECORUM SO YOU
24 DON'T HOLD 20 ITEMS SO THAT YOU CAN GO ABOUT, YOU KNOW, A CASE
25 THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE SOME OTHER DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT'S



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1 THE BIG ISSUE, AND THERE'S STILL FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE
2 CONFINES OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THIS MOTION TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW
3 FREE SPEECH. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHERE WE'RE AT. THE
4 CHAIR IS GONE, YOU KNOW, WE'LL BE TESTED AND THE CHAIR WILL
5 HAVE TO ISSUE DISCRETION BECAUSE THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
6 PEOPLE TO TESTIFY ON MULTIPLE ITEMS BECAUSE THEY'RE ADDRESSING
7 THE ITEM BEFORE US, AND NOT TO USE 20 TO ADDRESS SOMETHING
8 THAT'S NOT BEFORE US.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO AGREE WITH MR.
11 KNABE. I KNOW THAT WE'VE ALL CHAIRED THIS BOARD. WE'VE ALL
12 CHAIRED OTHER BOARDS AND NEVER HAD A PROBLEM, EVEN AT THE
13 M.T.A. WITH THE WAY WE DO IT AND WE USE OUR DISCRETION TO
14 MODIFY OR SUSPEND THE RULES WHEN THERE IS A UNIQUE SITUATION,
15 WHEN THERE'S A LARGE AUDIENCE THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD ON
16 A SPECIFIC ITEM. WE'VE DONE IT HERE, WE'VE DONE IT ALL OVER
17 THE PLACE. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. I
18 SHARE MIKE'S ANTIPATHY TO DOING ANYTHING THAT CONSTRICTS FREE
19 SPEECH AND I DON'T -- I KNOW MS. MOLINA IS NOT INTENDING TO DO
20 THAT, I KNOW HER WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT SHE WOULDN'T TRY TO
21 DO THAT. BUT I THINK SHE'S BOTHERED BY THE SAME THINGS I'VE
22 BEEN BOTHERED BY IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. I THINK WHEN PEOPLE
23 COME UP HERE AND MAKE RACIAL ATTACKS AT THE CHAIR, MAKE ETHNIC
24 ATTACKS AT MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, THAT THAT IS -- THAT DOES
25 CROSS THE LINE. THAT DOES BREAK THE DECORUM. AND THEY MAY HAVE



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1 THEIR FREE SPEECH, THEY CAN GO OUTSIDE AND SAY THAT. I DON'T
2 HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. AND I DON'T THINK MS. BURKE HAS TO
3 LISTEN TO IT, AND I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. AND
4 THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DECORUM THAT NO JUDGE WOULD ALLOW
5 THAT IN HIS COURTROOM, NO SENATOR WOULD ALLOW IT IN
6 SACRAMENTO, NO CITY COUNCIL WOULD ALLOW IT IN THEIR CHAMBERS,
7 NO COMMISSIONER OF OUR COUNTY WOULD ALLOW IT ON THEIR
8 COMMISSION AND WE SHOULDN'T ALLOW IT HERE. AND I JUST AM
9 REMINDED OF THE OLD LINE ABOUT -- FROM POTTER STEWART, THE
10 FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO DEFINE
11 OBSCENITY, HE SAYS 'I CAN'T DEFINE IT BUT I KNOW IT WHEN I SEE
12 IT.' AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE, SINCE I'VE BEEN
13 HERE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT WE'VE
14 ASKED STEVE OR WHOEVER HIS PREDECESSOR IS, SERGEANT OF ARMS,
15 TO ESCORT SOMEBODY OUT OF THIS ROOM. I CAN'T -- I'M SURE
16 THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE BUT IF THERE HAS,
17 IT HASN'T BEEN MORE THAN WHAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND. AND
18 USUALLY, THANKS TO HIS VERY DIPLOMATIC DEMEANOR, JUST HIS
19 BEGINNING TO STROLL OVER USUALLY BRINGS PEOPLE INTO DECORUM.
20 AND THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HERE
21 TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME AND WE LISTEN TO THEM, THEY HAVE A
22 LOT OF THINGS TO -- SOMETIMES THEY DRIVE US NUTS, SOMETIMES
23 THEY HAVE SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO SAY, JUST LIKE WE
24 SOMETIMES DRIVE PEOPLE NUTS AND SOMETIMES WE DO SOMETHING
25 CONSTRUCTIVE. THAT'S FINE. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE COME UP



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1 HERE AND SPEAK HATEFUL SPEECH, AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE THE
2 RIGHT TO SPEAK HATEFUL SPEECH, OUTSIDE. I DON'T THINK WE ARE
3 PRECLUDED, AND I'VE READ THE BROWN ACT, I DON'T THINK THAT THE
4 BROWN ACT PRECLUDES US FROM DRAWING A LINE ON HATEFUL SPEECH
5 IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THIS BODY. AND FRANKLY IF IT HADN'T
6 HAVE BEEN FOR THAT, I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR GLORIA, I DOUBT
7 SHE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT IN A MOTION, I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE
8 SUPPORTED A MOTION THAT ADDRESSED THIS THING IF IT HADN'T BEEN
9 FOR SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID, AND ESPECIALLY
10 AIMED AT YOU, MRS. BURKE, IT'S RIDICULOUS, AND, YOU KNOW, YOU
11 CAN TAKE IT THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN TAKE IT THE SECOND TIME,
12 YOU'VE TAKEN IT ALL THE TIME, I CAN'T TAKE IT, AND I THINK
13 THAT THE RULES ARE THE RULES. NOW THE FACT IS THAT THIS 90-DAY
14 PROVISION THAT WE'VE HAD, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE ABIDED BY IT, I
15 DIDN'T ABIDE BY IT, WHEN PEOPLE COME HERE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND
16 WANTED TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT WE'VE LET THEM DO IT. WHEN
17 PEOPLE HAVE COME DOWN HERE FROM LANCASTER OR FROM BOYLE
18 HEIGHTS AND THEY WANT TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD, WE MAKE IT, EVEN
19 IF IT'S ALREADY -- THE RULES, THEY'VE EXHAUSTED THEIR
20 OPPORTUNITIES, WE'VE SUSPENDED THE RULES AND ALLOWED THEM TO
21 SPEAK. THIS IS NOT A BOARD THAT TRIES TO RESTRICT SPEECH. WE
22 TRY TO LET EVERYBODY SPEAK, AND WE DO LET EVERYBODY SPEAK, BUT
23 THERE'S A LINE THAT I THINK HAS BEEN CROSSED HERE IN THE LAST
24 FEW WEEKS AND THAT'S WHY I'M SUPPORTING MS. MOLINA'S EFFORTS
25 HERE. YOU KNOW, I RAISED IT A FEW WEEKS AGO AND I THINK MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH IS RIGHT. THE RULES -- I THINK MS. MOLINA HAS IN
2 HER MOTION HAS REITERATED WHAT THE RULES AS IT RELATES TO
3 REMOVING PEOPLE. SHE KNOWS IF IT'S IN THE RULE BOOK NOW AND
4 IT'S REITERATING IT. BUT WHAT SHE IS PROPOSING IN TERMS OF THE
5 -- TRYING TO AMALGAMATE THE TIME I THINK IS A GOOD WAY TO
6 BUDGET OUR TIME. OTHERWISE, MIKE, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GET TO
7 OUR BUSINESS. AND IF THERE'S -- AND AGAIN, AT THE DISCRETION
8 OF THE CHAIR SHE CAN ASK TO SUSPEND THE RULES WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SHE CAN SUSPEND THE RULES AND LET PEOPLE SPEAK IF
10 THERE IS MORE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD OR IF THERE'S A
11 REASON. SO I WOULD JUST -- I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS
12 NOT AN EFFORT TO RESTRICT SPEECH OR RESTRICT FREEDOM OF
13 SPEECH. LORD KNOWS THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BUT I THINK ANYBODY
14 WHO WANTS TO REVIEW THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TAPES OF THE LAST
15 FEW WEEKS OF MEETINGS WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL?
18 IF A SPEAKER INJECTS A PERSONAL ATTACK, RACIAL ATTACKS, DOES
19 THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAVE THE IMMEDIATE ABILITY
20 TO SHUT OFF THE MICROPHONE AND RULE THEM OUT OF ORDER AND
21 SUSPEND THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM?

22

23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
24 CURRENT BOARD RULES IN -- ADDRESS THAT IN PART BY PROHIBITING
25 DISORDERLY, CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE



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1 BOARD, BUT THE IMPORTANT PART OF THAT RULE SOMETIMES ISN'T --
2 OR PROVISION IS NOT STATED, AND THAT IS WHEN THESE EXPRESSIONS
3 TEND TO INTERRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY COURSE OF CONDUCT OF THE
4 MEETING. YOUR RULES DO NOT, IN OUR VIEW, PURPORT TO REGULATE
5 SPEECH BY ITS CONDUCT, RATHER WE ARE TRYING TO REGULATE A
6 PROCESS THROUGH REASONABLE CONSTRAINTS ON TIME LIMITS. AND
7 THOSE ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY PERMISSIBLE RULES THAT WERE
8 DIRECTED PURELY AT THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH WOULD BE SUSPECT
9 AND IT WOULD DEPEND ON A FACT-SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCE BUT BECOME
10 THEY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE SAYING IF A PERSON WANTS TO INJECT
13 RACIAL OR PERSONAL ATTACKS, THEY ARE PERMITTED TO DO THAT
14 REGARDLESS IF YOU PASS A NEW REVISION TODAY OR UNDER CURRENT
15 BOARD POLICY?

16

17 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** WELL ONCE AGAIN, IT'S VERY FACT-SPECIFIC BUT I
18 WOULD SAY THAT IN A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THE SPEECH WAS HATEFUL,
19 SUCH AS TO INCITE VIOLENCE OR THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A RACIAL ATTACK OR A SLANDEROUS ATTACK.

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23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IF THE SPEECH IS NOT OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY
24 LAW, SLANDER CAN BE PRECLUDED. ADDRESSING A LEGISLATIVE BODY,
25 HOWEVER LIMITS THOSE RULES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE BEEN HERE AND YOU HAVE HEARD SOME OF
3 THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH IS LEADING UP TO WHERE
4 WE ARE TODAY. DID THE CHAIR OR DOES THE CHAIR AND DOES THE
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAVE THE ABILITY UNDER CURRENT POLICY TO CUT
6 OFF THE MICROPHONE AND SUSPEND THAT PERSON'S RIGHT, THAT THEIR
7 TIME IS NOW OVER AND THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR SEAT?

8

9 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IF THE CHAIR DETERMINES THAT THAT IS
10 INTERRUPTING THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE MEETING, YES, THAT IS,
11 UNDER YOUR RULES -- GIVES THE CHAIR THE BASIS TO --

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT TYPE OF RHETORIC -- BUT THAT TYPE OF
14 RHETORIC IS DISRUPTIVE, IS IT NOT?

15

16 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IT MAY BE. AND THAT'S WHY I SAY IT IS VERY
17 FACT-SPECIFIC AND I BELIEVE IT IS JUST TOO GENERAL TO --

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST READ YOU FROM THE RULES OF THE
20 BOARD. YOU JUST TELL ME IS THIS RULE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
21 DISORDERLY, CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD
22 OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF TENDING TO INTERRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY
23 COURSE OF SAID MEETING, THIS IS UNDER THE SECTION 'REMOVAL
24 FROM THE BOARD ROOM.'

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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND
2 THAT'S WHAT I REFERRED TO. THE SECOND PART OF THAT, RULE OF
3 THE BOARD, IS OFTEN NOT QUOTED WHEN PEOPLE ARE SUGGESTING THAT
4 THE RULES OF THE BOARD ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. BUT I BELIEVE
5 THAT THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE, 'TENDING TO DISRUPT THE
6 ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING' IS KEY TO THAT. MERE SPEECH IN
7 AND OF ITSELF, EVEN HATEFUL SPEECH, IS VERY DIFFICULT TO
8 RESTRICT IN A PUBLIC SETTING. BUT IF IT IS SPEECH THAT DOES IN
9 THE CHAIR'S DETERMINATION OR BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD WOULD BE
10 THE SAME, TEND TO DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING,
11 THEN IT COULD BE PROHIBITED. THE MICROPHONE CAN BE TURNED OFF.
12 THE PERSON COULD BE ESCORTED FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I MEAN, I -- IT'S ALL A MATTER OF
15 CONSIDERABLE JUDGMENT HERE BUT WHEN SOMEBODY STANDS UP AND
16 MAKES A RACIAL SLUR OR AN ETHNIC ATTACK OR RELIGIOUS ATTACK ON
17 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CRITICIZING THE
18 MEMBER BUT JUST ON BASED -- IS AN ATTACK ON THEIR RACE OR
19 ETHNICITY OR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, ONE COULD CONSTRUE THAT AS
20 DISORDERLY. A LOT OF DISORDER HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THAT KIND OF
21 STUFF.

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23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S DISORDER, LIKE PORNOGRAPHY LIKE
24 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR AS POTTER STILL WOULD HAVE SAID.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN SOMEBODY COME HERE, CAN SOMEBODY COME UP
2 -- WELL I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT, THAT'S JUST --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, AGAIN THE IDEA OF THIS
5 MOTION IS NOT TO LIMIT FREE SPEECH, NOT TO LIMIT CRITICISM AND
6 CERTAINLY NOT TO LIMIT THOUGHTFUL PUBLIC INPUT. IT IS A SET OF
7 GUIDELINES FOR US TO USE AS A BOARD TO BRING ORDER TO THE WORK
8 THAT WE DO. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AS I HAVE SEEN, THE SPIRIT OF
9 OUR MEETINGS TO BE AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE, EITHER DURING
10 PUBLIC COMMENT OR ANYTHING. WE HAVE RULES THAT GUIDE US, AND
11 WE HAVE UTILIZED THEM FROM TIME TO TIME. WE HAVE SEEN MORE
12 RECENTLY A WHOLE SERIES OF INTENT TO DISRUPT. I'VE POINTED IT
13 OUT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. I THINK THE HOLDING OF MANY ITEMS
14 AND TRYING TO FIND TIME -- AND MR. KNABE SAID IT CORRECTLY,
15 JUST TO, YOU KNOW, TO RAISE ISSUES THAT ARE NOT EVEN RELATED
16 TO THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE HELD ARE INAPPROPRIATE. AND SO
17 AGAIN ALL IT DOES IS GIVE US THE GUIDELINE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE
18 WAY IT IS WRITTEN, IT'S WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE BOARD
19 HAS TO TAKE AN ACTION. EITHER THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD HAS TAKEN
20 AN ACTION TO CONSIDER THAT SOMEONE HAS SO DISRUPTED THE
21 MEETINGS TO NOT LET ORDER TO PROCEED AND SO CONSEQUENTLY IT IS
22 ONLY A GUIDELINE. I THINK THAT AGAIN THE ISSUE IS THAT THIS
23 BOARD HAS TO TAKE COMMAND OF ORDER OF THE DAY. WE OPERATE
24 UNDER ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, WE OPERATE UNDER THE BROWN ACT,
25 AND IF YOU LOOK AT ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, IT ALLOWS THE



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1 CHAIR AND THE GOVERNING BOARD TO MAKE THOSE RULES TO BRING
2 ORDER TO THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY. AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE
3 TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. I DON'T THINK THIS IS IN ANY WAY
4 GOING TO LIMIT ANYTHING -- ANYONE'S RIGHT TO SPEAK TO US OR
5 EVEN INSULT US IF THEY WANT TO. I THINK THERE ARE LIMITATIONS
6 TO THE KIND OF BEHAVIOR THAT GETS CARRIED OUT HERE ON A
7 REGULAR BASIS, AND WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS BY MAKING SURE
8 THOSE PEOPLE HOPEFULLY BRING THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT, BRING THEIR
9 POINT OF VIEW. YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE WHO COME HERE VERY
10 REGULARLY ON A REGULAR BASIS AND HAVE BROUGHT US VERY
11 THOUGHTFUL INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND WE TRY AND BE
12 AS ATTENTIVE AS POSSIBLE ON MANY OF THOSE THINGS, ALTHOUGH
13 PEOPLE OF COURSE ACCUSE US OF NOT. BUT AGAIN THOSE ARE THEIR
14 POINT OF VIEWS AND THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THEM AND THEY'RE
15 ENTITLED TO BRING THEM. THIS MOTION AND THIS EXTENSION OF ON
16 OUR RULES IS AGAIN TO BRING ORDER TO THE BUSINESS THAT WE
17 CARRY OUT FOR THE TEN MILLION RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
18 EACH OF US HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THOSE -- BY THOSE VOTERS TO
19 REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS AND WE DO IT NOT ONLY IN OUR BOARD
20 MEETINGS HERE EVERY SINGLE TUESDAY BUT IN OUR OFFICES AND IN
21 THE WORK THAT WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND PEOPLE COME UP TO US
22 ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TALK TO US AND WE TRY AND BE AS
23 THOUGHTFUL AS WE CAN. WE OFFER OUR OFFICES TO MAKE AVAILABLE
24 PEOPLE TO CALL US WITH CONSTITUENT ISSUES. ALL OF US HAVE --
25 THERE ARE MANY, MANY WAYS THAT WE TRY AND BE AS ATTENTIVE AS



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1 WE CAN TO THE PUBLIC. WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO PLEASE THEM EVERY
2 SINGLE TIME, THAT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT ANY OF US WILL OFFER
3 YOU AT THIS POINT AND TOO, WE HAVE A TOUGH TIME TRYING TO
4 BUILD CONSENSUS AMONGST THE FIVE OF US TO GET MUCH OF THE WORK
5 DONE. BUT JUST BECAUSE WE CAN'T SAY YES TO YOUR REQUEST OR
6 INCLUDE YOUR AMENDMENT OR INCLUDE WHAT YOU HAVE AS THE WAY
7 WE'RE GOING TO GO DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT BEING
8 ATTENTIVE. SO AGAIN, ALL THIS MOTION IS IS A SET OF GUIDELINES
9 TO GIVE US ORDER IN OUR MEETINGS TO CARRY FORTH THE WORK OF
10 THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS INTENDED TO BE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
13 MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS, AND CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES, WITH SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH ABSTAINING.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I'M GOING TO CALL 32-B AND THEN
14 I'LL COME RIGHT BACK TO 24. ALL RIGHT, THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON
15 ASKING TO SPEAK ON 32-B, AND THAT'S MIRIAM KRINSKEY. AND I
16 DON'T -- MAY I JUST ANNOUNCE I THINK SPEAKING OUT AND
17 SCREAMING OUT IN THE MEETING, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY
18 QUESTION BUT THAT THAT IS CONSIDERED DISRUPTIVE ACTION. YES.
19 OKAY, ALL RIGHT PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. HOW ARE YOU? NO, GO
20 AHEAD. STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** I THINK DR. SANDERS HAS DEFERRED TO ME TO
23 TAKE THE LEAD INITIALLY SO LET ME START. GOOD MORNING, MADAM
24 CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIRIAM KRINKSEY,
25 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER. AS



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1 THE BOARD IS AWARE, MY ORGANIZATION SERVES AS THE VOICE IN THE
2 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM FOR OVER 20,000 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED
3 CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPENDENCY
4 COURT. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP
5 AND COMMITMENT TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR MANY ABUSED AND
6 NEGLECTED CLIENTS. AND IN PARTICULAR, AS WE ARE FOCUSING ON
7 TODAY, WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO TURN THE CORNER
8 IN REGARD TO ONE OF THE BEDROCK NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS. A SOUND,
9 A STABLE AND A QUALITY EDUCATION. WE KNOW ALL TOO WELL THE
10 EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES THAT YOUTH AND FOSTER CARE AND UNDER
11 THE JURISDICTION OF OUR PROBATION SYSTEM ARE SUBJECT TO AND
12 THE DRAMATIC EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP THAT THESE YOUTHS
13 SUFFER FROM. NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ARE
14 BELOW GRADE LEVEL. APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THEM ARE IN SPECIAL
15 EDUCATION. AND AS FEW AS HALF OF THEM GRADUATE FROM HIGH
16 SCHOOL. AND AS FEW AS 15% OF THEM EVEN ENROLL IN HIGHER
17 EDUCATION. SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THESE TROUBLED YOUTH
18 TODAY BECOME TOMORROW'S TROUBLED ADULTS. WITHIN THEIR FIRST
19 FEW YEARS AFTER EMANCIPATING FROM OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, OVER
20 HALF OF TODAY'S FOSTER YOUTH WILL BECOME UNEMPLOYED. ONE IN
21 FOUR WILL END UP HOMELESS AND DESTINED TO A LIFE ON THE
22 STREETS AND AS HIGH AS ONE IN FIVE OF THEM WILL END UP IN THE
23 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INCARCERATED. WE HAVE TO START WITH
24 THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THAT IS NO WAY FOR US AS A COMMUNITY
25 TO PARENT THESE YOUTH. THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF PROBATION



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1 YOUTH ARE NO LESS COMPELLING. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT SCHOOL
2 STABILITY, SUCCESS AND ATTAINMENT IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING A
3 BETTER FUTURE FOR THESE CHILDREN. SCHOOL IS OFTEN THE ONE AND
4 ONLY ANCHOR AND CONSTANT FOR THESE YOUTH, YET YOUTH IN FOSTER
5 CARE MOVE FROM PLACEMENT TO PLACEMENT AND SCHOOL TO SCHOOL FAR
6 TOO OFTEN AND FAR TOO OFTEN WE DON'T ATTEND TO THEIR
7 EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. THE RECENT STORY ON KCBS IN REGARD TO THE
8 FATE OF CHILDREN IN MANY NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS WAS A RECENT
9 EXAMPLE OF OUR FAILURE TO ATTEND TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF
10 THESE YOUTH. WHILE THERE ARE ADMITTEDLY SOME EXCELLENT
11 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, ON A SYSTEMIC LEVEL WE NONETHELESS ALLOW
12 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE BELOW PAR AND FAILING OUR YOUTH TO
13 CONTINUE TO EXIST. THERE'S A LACK OF ADEQUATE OVERSIGHT,
14 THERE'S A LACK OF INSPECTIONS, THERE'S A LACK OF DEMANDING OF
15 CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS, THERE'S A LACK OF A DEMAND FOR
16 CURRICULUM STANDARDS AND THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY FINANCIAL
17 INCENTIVES THAT ALLOW THESE PLACES TO CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.
18 TOO OFTEN AS WE HEARD FROM THE VOICES OF YOUTH IN THESE
19 SCHOOLS, STAND-UP TEACHING IS THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE
20 RULE AND SCHOOL BECOMES AN EXERCISE IN GLORIFIED BABYSITTING
21 RATHER THAN LEARNING. THE COMMON LINK IN TURNING THE CORNER
22 AND MOVING AHEAD IS REFLECTED IN THE REPORT BEFORE YOU TODAY.
23 WE ARE A FRAGMENTED SYSTEM WHEN IT COMES TO THE EDUCATIONAL
24 NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN. AND WE SIMPLY MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF
25 PULLING THOSE FRAGMENTS TOGETHER AND COLLABORATING AND



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1 COOPERATING THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM IN REGARD TO BETTER
2 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THESE YOUTH. THROUGH RECENT EFFORTS
3 OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE SOUGHT TO PUT TOGETHER SOME OF THE
4 BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FUTURE OF COLLABORATION AND
5 COORDINATION. LAST MAY WE HAD A HISTORIC GATHERING IN LOS
6 ANGELES THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PARTICIPATED IN. A ONE-DAY
7 EDUCATION SUMMIT WHERE WE BROUGHT OVER 100 LEADERS TOGETHER
8 FROM THE EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, CHILD WELFARE, PROBATION AND
9 JUDICIAL SYSTEMS TO TALK ABOUT AND FORGE SOLUTIONS FOR DEALING
10 WITH THESE EDUCATIONAL HURDLES AND CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE.
11 AND ONE OF THE RESOUNDING THEMES THAT CAME OUT OVER THE COURSE
12 OF THAT DAY WAS THE NEED FOR AN OVERSIGHT COORDINATING BODY
13 THAT WOULD ATTEND NOT ONCE A YEAR OR HERE AND AGAIN BUT ON A
14 CONTINUOUS BASIS FOR OVERSIGHT IN REGARD TO THE EDUCATIONAL
15 NEEDS OF THOSE CHILDREN. IT WAS THAT RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME
16 OUT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THAT DAY-LONG GATHERING THAT BIRTHED
17 THE NOTION OF THE EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL AND IT WAS
18 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AS A BOARD THAT CAUSED US THREE
19 MONTHS BACK TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP, TO TRY TO ADD MORE
20 DETAIL TO THIS CONCEPT OF AN EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.
21 THE WORKING GROUP WITH THE LEADERSHIP FROM ALL PARTS OF THE
22 SYSTEM MET ON NUMEROUS TIMES AND TO SOLICIT BROADER INPUT HELD
23 A ONE-DAY, AN AFTERNOON GATHERING ON OCTOBER 29TH WITH OVER 80
24 LEADERS FROM THE EDUCATIONAL, JUDICIAL, CHILD WELFARE,
25 PROBATION, ADVOCACY, FOSTER PARENT, CAREGIVER COMMUNITIES. THE



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1 RESOUNDING ENDORSEMENT OF EVERYONE WHO CAME THAT AFTERNOON FOR
2 THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL COULD NOT
3 HAVE BEEN CLEARER. AND THE CONCEPT PAPER THAT'S BEFORE YOU
4 TODAY SEEKS TO ENUMERATE THE FRAMEWORK FOR SUCH A BODY. I LOOK
5 FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS AND TO PURSUING IN
6 COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD ON FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF
7 THIS GROUP AND FOR HOW WE DO A BETTER JOB IN REGARD TO THE
8 EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THESE YOUTH AND IN REGARD TO THE VERY
9 DRAMATIC CONCERNS RAISED WITH THOSE YOUTH WHO ARE IN NONPUBLIC
10 SCHOOLS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME, YOU SAID THERE'S A CONCEPT PAPER. DO
15 YOU HAVE A COPY OF IT?

16

17 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IT'S ATTACHED TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD.
18 AS -- AND I CAN PULL MINE OUT, I'M HAPPY TO DO SO, IT MAY HAVE
19 HIGHLIGHTING ON IT BUT THAT COULD BE A GOOD THING.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DON'T -- IS THAT FROM THE C.A.O.?

22

23 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IT IS ATTACHMENT A. AND IF YOU DON'T MIND
24 I'LL --

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT -- WHAT'S THE COVER, MIRIAM, THE
2 COVER IS FROM WHOM?

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4 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** I'M SORRY. THE COVER IS FROM DR. SANDERS, AS
5 WELL AS RICHARD SHUMSKY, ENTITLED EDUCATION COORDINATING
6 COUNCIL AND EDUCATION UNIT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T HAVE ONE EITHER. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL
9 OF US DON'T HAVE THAT.

10

11 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND THIS IS AN ATTACHMENT TO THAT DOCUMENT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOVEMBER 21ST.

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15 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** OKAY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOVEMBER 21ST YEAH.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DR. SANDERS?

22

23 **DR. SANDERS:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND IT HAS BEEN A
24 PLEASURE WORKING WITH MS. KRINSKEY ON THIS ISSUES. THE COUNTY
25 CONTRACTS WITH GROUP HOMES TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR



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1 CHILDREN IN OUR CARE AND THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES IN
2 APRIL. GROUP HOMES OFTEN USE OR OPERATE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO
3 EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN, SO I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON -- BROADLY ON
4 THE GROUP HOME CONTRACT AND CONTRACT PROCESS IN ADDRESSING
5 THIS ISSUE AND WE'LL TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT SOME OF THE
6 EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE WITH THE NEW
7 PROCESS AS I PRESENT. HISTORICALLY THE FACT THAT THE RATE FOR
8 GROUP HOMES IS SET BY THE STATE HAS -- AND THERE IS A BELIEF
9 BY SOME THAT THE STATE, THROUGH THEIR ROLE, HAS DETERMINED THE
10 DELIVERABLES, HAS LED THE COUNTY TO HAVE A LIMITED ROLE IN THE
11 GROUP HOME CONTRACTS. AS A RESULT THE COUNTY HAS NOT
12 HISTORICALLY REQUIRED CLEAR OUTCOMES AS PART OF ITS CONTRACT
13 WITH GROUP HOMES. IN ADDITION HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NEGOTIATED
14 WITH THE GROUP HOMES AS AN ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH THAT
15 NEGOTIATION PROCESS LIMITED, IN MY OPINION, THE EXPECTATIONS
16 THE COUNTY HAS OVER GROUP HOMES. FURTHERMORE WE'VE LIMITED OUR
17 ABILITY TO BRING IN NEW PROVIDERS AS OUR NEEDS CHANGE. AS A
18 RESULT WE'RE LOOKING TO CHANGE BOTH THE CONTRACT AND THE
19 PROCESS. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT
20 BEFORE GOING INTO DETAIL. FIRST I BELIEVE IT'S OUR OBLIGATION
21 TO IDENTIFY, OUR OBLIGATION AS A COUNTY, TO IDENTIFY WHAT'S
22 BEST FOR CHILDREN AND TO SET A HIGH STANDARD AND TO EXPECT
23 THAT DEPARTMENT STAFF AND PROVIDERS MEET THOSE STANDARDS. THE
24 CONTEXT SHOULD BE WHAT'S BEST FOR CHILDREN. SECOND, GROUP
25 HOMES ARE A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM.



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1 WE MUST WORK SUCCESSFULLY WITH THEM IN ACHIEVING BETTER
2 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN. LAST WEEK I MET WITH OVER 200 GROUP
3 HOME PROVIDERS, OR AT LEAST 200 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE
4 AND COVERED FIVE AREAS THAT WOULD BE THE FOCUS FOR OUR
5 CONTRACT PROCESS. UNLIKE OTHER JURISDICTIONS LIKE ILLINOIS
6 PARTICULARLY, THAT ARE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE RATES BASED ON
7 PERFORMANCE, OUR GROUP HOME RATES ARE SET BY THE STATE.
8 HOWEVER WE CAN DETERMINE WHETHER WE USE PROVIDERS BASED ON
9 THEIR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN OUTCOMES. THE FOLLOWING ARE
10 THE AREAS THAT I PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON AS PART OF THE
11 DISCUSSION AND WILL BE USED AS PART OF THE CONTRACT PROCESS.
12 THERE WERE TWO PROCESS ISSUES THAT I'LL JUST COVER BRIEFLY.
13 ONE, WE MUST HAVE A RESOURCE FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN WE CARE
14 FOR. GROUP HOMES ARE CRITICAL IN ASSURING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN
15 BUT WE HAVE SOME CHILDREN NOW THAT AREN'T ACCEPTED BY ANY
16 PROVIDER. THAT'S A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT HAS TO CHANGE. SECOND, WE
17 MUST DISCONTINUE AS MS. KRINSKEY TALKED ABOUT, THE FREQUENT
18 MOVES OF SOME CHILDREN. CHILDREN DESERVE STABILITY AND OUR
19 OBLIGATION AS BOTH THE PURCHASER AND PROVIDER OF SERVICES IS
20 TO ASSURE THIS. SO WITH THREE CRITICAL OUTCOMES THAT I FOCUSED
21 ON WITH THE GROUP HOME PROVIDERS INDICATING THAT WE WOULD USE
22 THESE IN DETERMINING AS PART OF THE STRUCTURE FOR THE CONTRACT
23 AND IN DETERMINING WHETHER WE USE GROUP HOMES INTO THE FUTURE.
24 FIRST IS SAFETY, WE MUST REDUCE THE RATE OF ABUSE FOR CHILDREN
25 RECEIVING GROUP HOME SERVICE. SECOND VERY BRIEFLY, IS THAT



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1 YOUTH IN ALMOST ALL CASES SHOULD BE IN FAMILY SETTINGS. GROUP
2 HOME SUCCESS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE SUBSEQUENT SUCCESS
3 THAT YOUTH HAVE IN A FAMILY SETTING AND THE GROUP HOME LENGTH
4 OF STAY NEEDS TO BE SHORTENED. FINALLY AND MOST PERTINENT TO
5 THIS DISCUSSION, MEASURED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT NEEDS TO
6 IMPROVE FROM ADMISSION TO DISCHARGE. TOO MANY CHILDREN IN
7 FOSTER CARE TODAY HAVE MARGINAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND OUR
8 USE OF SPECIFIC GROUP HOMES SHOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THEIR
9 ASSURANCE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR YOUTH IN THEIR CARE. IT'S MY
10 BELIEF THAT WE CAN ASSURE THE STORIES ON THE CBS SPECIAL ABOUT
11 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AREN'T REPEATED BY ESTABLISHING ACADEMIC
12 IMPROVEMENT AS AN EXPECTED OUTCOME IN OUR CONTRACTS. FINALLY,
13 WE DISCUSSED WITH PROVIDERS OUR CURRENT PLAN TO USE A REQUEST
14 FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS FOR THIS CONTRACT.
15 THIS WOULD BE USED FOR ALL PROVIDERS AND WOULD ASSURE OUR
16 ABILITY TO IDENTIFY WHAT'S BEST FOR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY IN
17 THE AREA OF EDUCATION AND REQUEST THAT PROVIDERS WE USE HAVE
18 COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH US TO IMPROVE THE ABOVE OUTCOMES,
19 INCLUDING EDUCATION AS WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE. THANK YOU
20 AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
21 THE BOARD AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION, IN OUR CONTRACTING WITH GROUP
2 HOMES, DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE A PRECONDITION THAT THEY
3 HAVE TO HAVE ESTABLISHED EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN PLACE AND A
4 RECORD OF PAST ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE STANDARDS?

5

6 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT'S
7 ACTUALLY OUR INTENTION AS WE DEFINE WHAT ARE CALLED IN THE
8 CONTRACT THE DELIVERABLES. WE WOULD LOOK AT SPECIFIC STEPS
9 THAT THE GROUP HOME NEEDS TO TAKE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN
10 MEASURE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE -- THEY HAVE PIECES IN PLACE
11 THAT WILL ALLOW FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, AND WE CAN DEFINE WHAT
12 THOSE ARE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS MONTHLY CONTACT
15 WITH A FOSTER CHILD, IT'S NOT PART OF THAT CONTACT TO HAVE A
16 DISCUSSION ABOUT THEIR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND
17 ACHIEVEMENTS?

18

19 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT HAS NOT
20 BEEN AN EXPECTATION HISTORICALLY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT DOES THE SOCIAL WORKER SAY TO THE
23 CHILD?

24



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1 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT ACTUALLY
2 VARIES AND I THINK IT'S AN AREA THAT WE HAVE FOCUSED ON AS
3 NEEDING SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT. IT VARIES FROM A VERY BRIEF
4 INTERACTION THAT JUST ACCOMMODATES THE POLICY REQUIREMENT ALL
5 THE WAY TO AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CHILD'S
6 FUNCTIONING UNIT AND AT THIS POINT IT VARIES CONSIDERABLY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF SERIOUS
9 DISCUSSION AND THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR DIDN'T SUPPORT THE
10 MONTHLY VISITATION AND MEMBERS HERE DID SUPPORT THAT. AND TO
11 HAVE THAT TYPE OF COMMUNICATION BUT IT SEEMS TO ME A LOT OF
12 THESE CHILDREN IN THE INFERIOR HOMES WERE NOT BEING
13 INTERVIEWED, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **DR. SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE THAT IS CORRECT.
16 AND I BELIEVE THAT, IN FACT, THE MONTHLY CONTACT THAT WAS EVEN
17 DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE IS INADEQUATE AND THAT THE EXPECTATION AS
18 I HAD IDENTIFIED EARLIER WE NEED TO SET HIGHER STANDARDS. I
19 BELIEVE THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE WILL NEED TO SET A
20 HIGHER STANDARD IN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD HOMES OUT
23 THERE, THE FLORENCE CRITTENDEN HOME, JOURNEY HOUSE, HILLSIDES,
24 SYCAMORE, MCKINLEY, AND THEN YOU SEE AS WAS DEPICTED IN THE
25 INTERVIEW THIS DILAPIDATED MOTEL THAT HAS NO EDUCATIONAL



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1 SUPPLIES, COMPUTERS OR ANY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES GOING ON,
2 WITH CHILDREN SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR AND AT THEIR DESK. THESE
3 INDIVIDUALS, AND WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW THE STATE CAN
4 ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO EXIST OR WHY IN THE PAST WE COULDN'T
5 HAVE INCLUDED THOSE STANDARDS IN THOSE CONTRACTS WITH THESE
6 GROUP HOMES BEFORE THEY EVER RECEIVED THIS STIPEND FROM THE
7 TAXPAYERS.

8

9 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT IS MY
10 BELIEF THAT BEGINNING WITH THE NEW CONTRACT PROCESS, IN FACT,
11 REGARDLESS OF THE OVERSIGHT THE STATE PROVIDES WITH NONPUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS, WE SHOULD HAVE IT AS AN EXPECTATION FOR GROUP HOMES.
13 AND SO AS THEY ARE WORKING WITH WHETHER IT'S NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
14 OR WHETHER IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING THAT THE UNDERSTANDING
15 IS THAT WE WILL BE JUDGING THOSE GROUP HOMES ON THEIR ABILITY
16 TO ASSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL CHILDREN. AND AS A RESULT I
17 BELIEVE THAT WE CAN, THROUGH THE CONTRACT, DO MUCH CLOSER
18 MONITORING THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE HISTORICALLY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THESE GROUP HOMES ARE
21 RECEIVING \$20,000 TO \$40,000 PER CHILD, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS
22 RECEIVING A LITTLE OVER \$6,000 PER CHILD, AGAIN, THE FLORENCE
23 CRITTENDEN HOME HAS THAT CREDIBLE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AS AN
24 EXAMPLE. AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS UNDERSTAND THE SUCCESS OF
25 THOSE STUDENTS AND THEN YOU HAVE THIS, AGAIN, THESE CASES



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1 WHERE CRIMINAL INTENT IS TAKING PLACE BECAUSE THEY'RE
2 DEFRAUDING, THOSE OWNERS ARE DEFRAUDING THE CHILDREN AND THEIR
3 FUTURE, THE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE INVESTED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY
4 FOR THAT CHILD'S WELFARE AND THE SYSTEM HAD A BLIND EYE TOWARD
5 THAT AND IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. I MEAN THIS WAS VERY GOOD
6 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT PUT THE STATE ON NOTICE THERE'S A
7 DEFICIENCY AND ALLOWS THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PUT IN SOME
8 SAFEGUARDS NOW TO OVERCOME THOSE STATE DEFICIENCIES.

9

10 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY RESPOND, BECAUSE I THINK
11 YOUR COMMENTS POINT OUT IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT ALL LEVELS
12 OF THE SYSTEM ARE LETTING THESE CHILDREN DOWN. FROM THE STATE
13 TO THE LOCAL TO THE PROVIDERS, WE ARE SIMPLY NOT DOING THE JOB
14 THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DO. AND WHILE THERE ARE SOME VERY
15 FINE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, IN MY MIND THOSE ARE SIMPLY A
16 DEMONSTRATION OF THE FACT THAT IT CAN BE DONE FOR ANY SINGLE
17 SCHOOL, LET ALONE MORE THAN ONE, TO EXIST OF THE NATURE THAT
18 WAS RECOUNTED IN THE STORY IS INTOLERABLE. AND IT HAS TO START
19 AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER. IT HAS TO START
20 WITH THE STATE TAKING MORE SERIOUSLY AND EMPOWERING IT THROUGH
21 LEGISLATIVE REFORM THE NOTION OF WHAT WE DO TO CERTIFY AND HOW
22 WE INSPECT THESE FACILITIES. INSPECTIONS EVERY FOUR YEARS
23 THROUGH ANNOUNCED VISITS ARE SIMPLY INADEQUATE AS A STARTING
24 POINT. IT HAS TO FILTER DOWN TO A COUNTY LEVEL WHERE WE ARE
25 ALL JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND



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1 PROGRESS OF THESE YOUTH. AND IT HAS TO FLOW INTO THE
2 PROVIDERS, NOT SIMPLY THROUGH THE OUTCOMES BUT ALSO THE
3 PROVIDERS HAVE TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE LAW THAT MAKES
4 CLEAR THAT IT'S ILLEGAL TO REQUIRE THAT YOUTH WHO ARE PLACED
5 THERE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND
6 PUT IN A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OFTEN HAS A FINANCIAL
7 RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PLACEMENT AND GROUP HOME. SO WE HAVE TO
8 TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE NOTION THAT MANY OF THESE YOUTH
9 DESERVE TO BE IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY'RE
10 NOT ISOLATED AND REMOVED FROM EVERYDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND
11 EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES ALONG
12 WITH BEING A CHILD.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MY MOTION, I'LL JUST -- TO AMEND THE ITEM
15 TO ALSO INCLUDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
16 SERVICES WITH THE -- AND THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER TO DEVELOP
17 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS TO ASSURE THAT SOCIAL WORKERS, GROUP
18 HOME PROVIDERS AND CAREGIVERS TEND TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF
19 THE FOSTER YOUTH, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, PROBATION,
20 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN COLLABORATION
21 WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER SEEK AND SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE
22 REFORMS TO ESTABLISH MONITORING, OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE
23 MEASUREMENTS RELATED TO THE CURRICULUM AND THE QUALITY OF THE
24 CLASSROOM TEACHERS. EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE CIVIL
25 BRAND COMMISSION AS -- OR ANOTHER ENTITY TO CONDUCT MONTHLY



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1 INSPECTIONS OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH GROUP
2 HOMES AND THE AUDITOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL
3 TO INVESTIGATE THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FEATURED IN THE KCBS
4 REPORT FOR POTENTIAL MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND THE AUDITOR-
5 CONTROLLER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
6 EVALUATE THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH GROUP HOMES AND
7 REPORT BACK QUARTERLY TO THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO ANY
8 VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW AND MISUSE OF FUNDS OR IMPROPER
9 PRACTICES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THEN SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE, BUT MAY I JUST ASK, IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU WOULD
15 INCLUDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SINCE THEY
16 WOULD HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THE EDUCATIONAL
17 COMPONENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I LOOKED AT THAT REPORT AND I WAS AS APPALLED AS
20 ANYONE ELSE WAS WHO DID SEE IT. BUT I WAS THOROUGHLY CONFUSED
21 AND STILL AM TODAY. THESE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE MONITORED BY
22 WHO, THE STATE, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. DO WE AS L.A. COUNTY,
23 CAN WE GO IN AND CLOSE DOWN ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, WE CANNOT. SO THE REPORT WAS VERY

3 CONFUSING. IT MADE IT SOUND AS THOUGH WE THE COUNTY ARE

4 SENDING OUR FOSTER CHILDREN TO THESE FACILITIES. NOW WE HAVE

5 AND WE ARE TRYING TO GET CONTROL OF OUR FOSTER FACILITIES AND

6 CREATE A NEW SET OF EXPECTATIONS BY OUR CONTRACTS. AND WE ARE

7 GOING TO GO THROUGH THAT AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT'LL

8 SOON BE BEFORE US. BUT ON THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT, AND I

9 THINK THIS IS WHAT WAS MISUNDERSTOOD, IS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE

10 THE JURISDICTION. NOW, I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S

11 MOTION IS GOOD BUT I THINK WE SHOULD JUST SEEK LEGISLATION AND

12 FIND AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION, FIND AN AUTHOR AND GET THAT

13 UNDER OUR CONTROL. NOW, DO WE WANT IT UNDER OUR CONTROL OR DO

14 WE NOT? I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE. I'M CONCERNED THAT THE STATE

15 IS ALLOWING THESE SCHOOLS TO OPERATE AND ARE PAYING THE

16 PROVIDERS AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY TO EDUCATE THOSE KIDS AND

17 HAVING NO STANDARDS WHATSOEVER, WHAT I SAW IN THE CBS SPECIAL

18 WAS APPALLING. I KNOW IT EVEN GOES ON IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

19 MORE THAN LIKELY, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU HAD AN INDIVIDUAL WHO

20 DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A TEACHER IN THE CLASSROOM MOST OF THE TIME.

21 THE KIDS WERE JUST IN THERE, YOU KNOW, SITTING AROUND. IT'S

22 JUST -- THERE WAS NO STANDARDS WHATSOEVER. SO I THINK THERE'S

23 A MISUNDERSTANDING HERE, AT LEAST THERE IS ON MY PART AND I

24 THINK THE REST OF THE PUBLIC AND I THINK THAT BECAUSE IT'S

25 BEING DISCUSSED HERE, YOU'RE ALSO LAYING IT ON OUR DOORSTEP



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1 AND IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, WE'D LIKE TO TAKE CARE
2 OF EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES WRONG BUT I JUST WANT
3 PEOPLE TO KNOW, NUMBER ONE, WE CAN'T YANK THOSE KIDS OUT OF
4 THAT PROGRAM. AND NUMBER TWO, WE CAN'T CLOSE DOWN THAT
5 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, RIGHT?

6

7 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, I AGREE WITH THE
8 MAJORITY OF WHAT YOU SAID. I'M NOT SURE WITH ALL OF IT. AND
9 LET ME TELL YOU --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ASKING THE QUESTION. CAN WE CLOSE IT DOWN?

12

13 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** YOU CAN REMOVE THE CHILD FROM THAT GROUP HOME
14 AND IT IS BY --

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. THAT'S A DIFFERENT
17 ISSUE. THAT'S THE GROUP HOMES. WE HAVE JURISDICTION OVER GROUP
18 HOMES, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ASPECT OF IT, BUT --

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY OPERATE THE SCHOOL, THE GROUP HOME
21 OPERATES THE SCHOOL, THAT'S THE DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND --

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE DO NOT OPERATE -- WE DO
2 NOT GIVE THE CONTRACT TO THE GROUP HOME TO OPERATE THE SCHOOL.
3 WE -- THE GROUP HOME OPERATES THE GROUP HOME AND THAT WE
4 CONTRACT WITH. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE LINE OF
5 AUTHORITY.

6

7 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IF YOU -- THE SECOND, I'M SORRY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO AGAIN THESE CHILDREN FOR WHATEVER REASON
10 HAVE BEEN TOSSED OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THEY'VE BEEN IN -- AND
11 NOW THIS GROUP HOME HAS DECIDED TO DEVELOP THIS, WHAT IS
12 CALLED A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE CHILDREN.
13 AGAIN, WE COULD -- I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN TAKE THE CHILD OUT.
14 WE CAN TAKE THEM OUT OF THE GROUP HOME BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT
15 YET WE CAN TAKE THAT CHILD. WE WOULD HAVE TO GO AROUND
16 MONITORING ALL OF THESE. WE DON'T SET THEM UP. THE STATE BOARD
17 OF EDUCATION DOES AND THEY DON'T MONITOR THEM. SO WE'RE SORT
18 OF STUCK IN BETWEEN HERE AND THAT'S WHY I WANT US TO MAKE SURE
19 THAT WE UNDERSTAND OUR JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. 'CAUSE
20 RIGHT NOW FROM THIS MOTION WE'RE ALSO TAKING OWNERSHIP, AND SO
21 I DON'T MIND, I DON'T MIND AGAIN BUT I WANT US TO UNDERSTAND
22 WHERE WE'RE AT NOW. AND I'VE BEEN ASKING ALL AROUND HERE
23 BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GOING WHO RUNS THEM, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF
24 THEM. AND IT'S THE STATE, SO THAT'S WHY I WANT TO KNOW THAT
25 ISSUE AND IF WE WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEM THAT'S FINE BUT



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1 WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND AND WE HAVE TO GET PAID BY THE STATE TO
2 SEND IN MONITORS TO MONITOR THE -- THESE SCHOOLS. I'D LOVE TO
3 SEND IN STATE MONITORS TO MONITOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BECAUSE
4 THERE ARE MANY A FIFTH GRADER WHO IS NOT EVEN READING AT A
5 SECOND GRADE LEVEL AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE HELD
6 ACCOUNTABLE AS WELL. AND I HAVE HAD IN MY, YOU KNOW, WHEN MY
7 DAUGHTER WAS GOING TO SCHOOL, WE HAD A TEACHER WHO DID NOTHING
8 BUT SHOW THEM FILMS EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND WE HAD TO GO IN
9 THERE AS PARENTS TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING. SO IT
10 REQUIRES MONITORING A LOT. BUT THE ISSUE HERE IS TODAY IF I
11 WANTED TO CLOSE DOWN THIS NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, I JUST WANT PEOPLE
12 TO KNOW THAT I DO NOT HAVE THE JURISDICTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** YOU CANNOT DIRECTLY, AND I AGREE WITH YOU,
15 LEGISLATIVE REFORM IS NEEDED. BUT MY VIEW IS, IF YOU REMOVE
16 EVERY CHILD FROM THAT GROUP HOME BECAUSE OF AN UNACCEPTABLE
17 AFFILIATED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CANNOT
18 CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT KEEP IN MIND THEN WE HAVE
21 TO HAVE MONITORS THAT WOULD GO IN THERE AND MONITOR WHAT ARE
22 THE STANDARDS FOR THOSE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THOSE MONITORS.
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS CORRECT, THAT IT SHOULD BE THE SOCIAL
24 WORKER WHO IS MONITORING THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THOSE
25 CHILDREN. UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS SOMETHING THAT DR. SANDERS IS



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1 TRYING TO CORRECT NOW AND ALSO WHAT HAVE WE KNOWN AS OUTCOMES
2 FOR THESE CHILDREN. BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT HAS NOT BEEN
3 HAPPENING AS WELL. WE KNOW IN OUR OWN -- WHERE WE DO HAVE
4 JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OUR PROBATION SCHOOLS AND EVEN
5 OUR MCCLAREN SCHOOLS WHEN WE HAD THAT, THAT EVEN THEN WE STILL
6 WERE NOT ACHIEVING THE KIND OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT WHERE WE
7 HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY. SO I JUST WANT US TO UNDERSTAND
8 WHAT WE'RE VENTURING INTO HERE, IS THAT THAT THERE IS NO
9 DOUBT, WE CAN GO IN AND PULL EACH CHILD OUT, THEN THEY HAVE
10 NOWHERE TO SEND THEM, OF COURSE WE'D HAVE TO SEND THEM TO A
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SCHOOL WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY DECIDED
12 NOT TO ACCEPT THAT CHILD. THAT GOES INTO A CONTINUATION SCHOOL
13 OR THINGS OF OTHER SORT. THEY'RE USUALLY THERE FOR A REASON.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DOESN'T THE GROUP HOME DETERMINE IF THE
16 CHILD IS ACCEPTABLE OR NOT, THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE
17 KICKED OUT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUT THE GROUP HOME MAKES THAT
18 DETERMINATION SO IF THE GROUP HOME MAKES THAT DETERMINATION
19 YOU COULD HAVE A CHILD WHO HAS NEVER BEEN KICKED OUT OF A
20 SCHOOL, A HIGH ACHIEVER PUT IN AN INFERIOR SCHOOL AND THAT'S
21 THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CORRECT --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS THAT --

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE ARE A LOCAL PRENTICE OF THAT CHILD.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, I JUST
3 WANT US TO UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO -- WITH OUR
4 CONTRACTS TO GOVERN THE ACTIONS OF THE GROUP HOME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS GOING TO BE SET UP UNDER THE
9 EXPECTATIONS THAT DR. SANDERS IS GOING TO BRING TO US AND, OF
10 MANY BY THE WAY, OF MANY OTHERS THAT HE'S BRINGING TO US. BUT
11 THE ISSUE IS THAT I JUST WANT TO -- BECAUSE IT MADE IT SOUND
12 IN THAT REPORT, AND I WAS EQUALLY AS ALARMED, THAT WE HAD
13 JURISDICTION, WE MONITOR THESE SCHOOLS, WE GO IN THERE AND
14 REVIEW THEM AND INSPECT THEM WHEN IN FACT WE DO NOT. THEIR
15 CONTRACT OR THEIR ACCESS OR THEIR AUTHORITY COMES DIRECTLY
16 FROM THE STATE. NOW I DON'T MIND THAT WE TAKE OVER THAT
17 RESPONSIBILITY BUT RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. SO I
18 DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD FOLKS TO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS SOMETHING
19 WE HAVE ACTION OVER, WHICH WE DO NOT. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO
20 MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN I DO HAVE A
23 COMMENT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I MEAN I AGREE WITH MANY OF THE THINGS THAT
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID. THE QUESTION I HAVE, THE CONCERNS THAT
3 I HAVE ABOUT THE REPORT ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU WATCH THE
4 VIDEO I MEAN IT WAS VERY APPALLING THIS -- AND THERE SEEMS TO
5 BE AN INCREDIBLE FOCUS ON SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT.
6 AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED MORE EDUCATORS INVOLVED AS WELL
7 TOO, AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, I MEAN WHATEVER ACCOUNTABILITY.
8 AS I UNDERSTAND IT YOU HAVE AN R.F.P. OUT OR ARE PREPARING AN
9 R.F.P. IS THAT?

10

11 **DR. SANDERS:** WE'RE IN PROCESS OF PREPARING A REQUEST FOR
12 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS, ACTUALLY YES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, AND THEN ALSO ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
15 MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 2 I THINK WE NEED TO AMEND TO ADD THE
16 C.A.O. AS WELL --

17

18 **DR. SANDERS:** SURE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** TO BE A PART OF THAT ON A BROADER QUESTION. DO WE
21 ACTUALLY KNOW HOW MANY NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT WE'RE DEALING
22 WITH?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD --

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S 400 STATEWIDE BUT --

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL BUT I'M JUST SAYING I MEAN I THINK BEFORE WE
6 GET INVOLVED IN A, YOU KNOW, A BIG PROCESS HERE, WE NEED TO
7 ISOLATE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH AND THAT MIGHT, YOU KNOW, HELP
8 FOCUS ON THE STRUCTURE AS WELL TOO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOWEVER WHEN A SOCIAL WORKER PUTS A CHILD
11 IN A GROUP HOME, THEY HAVE TO ASK THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE
12 CHILD WILL BE EDUCATED. SO WHILE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE
13 AUTHORITY OVER THE EDUCATION OR THE SCHOOL THAT THEY GO INTO
14 BUT THEY HAVE A CHOICE AND THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW
15 WHERE THE CHILD IS GOING TO BE EDUCATED AT THE TIME THEY
16 ASSIGN THE CHILD TO THE GROUP HOME. NOW I'D LIKE TO GET SOME
17 IDEA FROM DR. SANDERS OF WHAT THE REACTION WAS WHEN HE MET
18 WITH ALL OF THE GROUP HOMES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE WILLING
19 TO LOOK AT THIS PERFORMANCE BASED.

20

21 **DR. SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY SENSE IS THAT THERE WAS A
22 MIXED REACTION, THAT THE -- THAT THERE WERE PROVIDERS THAT
23 FELT THAT THE -- THAT THIS IS A DIRECTION MADE SINCE THERE
24 WERE OTHERS THAT WERE -- THAT MADE COMMENTS ABOUT CONCERNS



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1 THAT WE WERE GOING TO EXPECT MORE THAN THEY WERE BEING PAID
2 FOR. SO IT WAS MIXED REACTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I -- I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP. I MEAN, THE ABILITY
5 TO MONITOR, THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ANOTHER, WE HAVE SITUATIONS
6 WHERE YOU HAVE GROUP HOMES THAT HAVE A CAMPUS, SUCH AS LIKE
7 THE AFT MACHITE HOMES AND THEY HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL ON CAMPUS
8 BUT ALSO TAKE NON RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS. I MEAN IS THERE A
9 DISTINGUISHABLE DIFFERENCE IN SOMETHING LIKE THAT OR I MEAN,
10 YOU KNOW, WHERE IT'S AN ON-CAMPUS RESIDENT, NON-RESIDENT OR IS
11 IT ALL BUNDLED INTO ONE?

12

13 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND IT ALSO GETS IN PART
14 TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND YOUR
15 EARLIER QUESTION, THAT THE FOCUS THAT WE'VE TRIED TO HAVE IN
16 THE DEPARTMENT IS OVER -- IS RELATED TO OUR JURISDICTION OVER
17 GROUP HOMES. AND SO LOOKING AT IT AS AN EXPECTATION FOR ALL
18 CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD THAT THE GROUP HOME CHOOSES
19 TO EDUCATION THEM, THAT THE EXPECTATION WOULD BE RELATED TO
20 THE CHILD'S ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT
21 THEY'RE IN THE GROUP HOME. AND SO WE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY GET
22 DIRECTLY AT THE COMPOSITION OF RESIDENTS IN THE GROUP HOME,
23 THE METHOD THAT THEY USE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION BUT ON THE
24 ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR CHILDREN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO BOTH RESIDENT AND NON RESIDENT.

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3 **DR. SANDERS:** EXACTLY.

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5 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF I COULD ADD, BECAUSE
6 I THINK IT GOES BACK TO THE POINT THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS
7 MAKING AS WELL, WE DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE PROVIDERS
8 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE YOUTH,
9 BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE YOUTH PLACED IN A GROUP
10 HOME HAVE ESSENTIALLY BEEN TOLD DESPITE THE FACT THAT THOSE
11 YOUTH MIGHT DO VERY WELL IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
12 THAT IT'S EXPECTED THAT THEY'LL ATTEND THE AFFILIATED
13 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. AND WHILE THAT'S IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE
14 LAW IT HAPPENS TOO FREQUENTLY AND I THINK ONE THING WE NEED TO
15 LOOK AT WITH OUR PROVIDER IS HOW COMMON IS IT FOR YOUTH WHO
16 COULD SUCCEED IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT TO
17 NONETHELESS ESSENTIALLY BE FORCED INTO AN AFFILIATED NONPUBLIC
18 SCHOOL THAT MAY WELL HAVE A FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT
19 GROUP HOME. EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE ON WHAT'S --
20 ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE YOUTH AS OPPOSED TO ANY KIND OF
21 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES THAT MAY BE FACTORING IN.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE HAVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
24 MOTION BEFORE US. IS THERE SECOND?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS AMENDED RIGHT?

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. MOVED AND SECONDED, IF THERE IS
4 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO THANK MIRIAM AND DR. SANDERS FOR
7 SATURDAY'S NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK PROGRAM AT THE EDELMAN
8 CHILDREN'S COURT. THERE WERE A LOT OF HAPPY FAMILIES THAT DAY
9 AND MANY HAPPY CHILDREN AND WE APPRECIATED THEIR LEADERSHIP
10 AND CONSTRUCTIVE INVOLVEMENT. ALSO IN THESE MEETINGS THAT WE
11 HAVE OUTSIDE OF THE BOARD ROOMS, OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM,
12 THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE AND WHERE WAS THE ONE MEETING THAT
13 WE DID AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL?

14

15 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** THAT WAS OUR EDUCATION SUMMIT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS THE EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT.

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19 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL
20 SUPERVISORS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR
23 CHILDREN.

24

25 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL CALL ITEM 24 NOW. WE HAVE
3 SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK, BOBBIE PARKS, STEPHEN DAVID
4 SIMON, CASTULO DE LA ROCHA. IF WE COULD HAVE THEM COME
5 FORWARD. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE ALREADY TESTIFIED
6 ON 24 AND WE WILL -- WE HAVE THEIR INFORMATION BEFORE YOU,
7 WE'RE AWARE OF THEIR COMMENTS. BUT WE'D LIKE TO ASK THESE
8 PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD NOW.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS FIRST, HAVE THE
11 DEPARTMENT PRESENTED?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, YES. THE DEPARTMENT IS, THE
14 DEPARTMENT HERE? [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL CALL THAT NEXT, COULD WE HAVE SOMEONE
17 FROM THE DEPARTMENT COME UP? [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES
18]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE MR. FIELDING AND MR. --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MR. HENRY, OKAY. ALL RIGHT, OKAY. DO
23 YOU WANT A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FIRST ON THE CONTRACT OR
24 --

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST BRIEFLY INTRODUCE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2

3 **CHUCK HENRY:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
4 THIS ITEM IS AN ITEM TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITH TWO COMMUNITY
5 AGENCIES, ALTERNATE HEALTH SERVICES AND PALMS RESIDENTIAL, TO
6 ADD TO OUR MENU OF H.I.V. PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS. THIS IS A
7 STRUCTURAL --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FIRST?

10

11 **CHUCK HENRY:** I'M SORRY, CHUCK HENRY, DIRECTOR O.A.P.P., OFFICE
12 OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 SERVICES. THIS COMPLETES A SET OF INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS OUR
14 H.I.V. PREVENTION NEEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH
15 OUR CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS VIEW OF
16 A COMPREHENSIVE H.I.V. PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES
17 ENGAGING INSTITUTIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY
18 THOSE THAT ARE GREATLY IMPACTED BY H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. TO
19 ORGANIZE THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES TO ASSIST IN
20 MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE AND ENGAGING THEIR COMMUNITY MEMBERS
21 TO ADDRESS H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO
24 ADD TO THAT DR. FIELDING OR?

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1 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO, ONLY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ISSUE
2 RAISED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS BEING USED FOR THE
3 ADVOCACY PIECE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LOBBYING. WE WERE ALWAYS
4 CLEAR BUT I DON'T THINK WE WERE AS CLEAR AS WE COULD HAVE BEEN
5 IN THE WRITE-UP THAT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY PRECLUDED AND THAT
6 ANY MONEY USED FOR THAT PURPOSE WOULD COME OUT OF THE COUNTY
7 CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THIS AND WE ASKED AND IT WAS READ IN, AN
8 AMENDMENT TO THIS THAT SUGGESTED THAT THE AGREEMENTS MAKE VERY
9 CLEAR IF APPROVED THAT NO FEDERAL FUNDS BE USED FOR ANY
10 ACTIVITY TO BE IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE
11 AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A METHODOLOGY BY WHICH REIMBURSEMENTS CAN
12 BE TRACKED AND THAT THIS BE INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BY THE
13 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LIMITATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HOPE ALL OF THOSE WHO HAD A QUESTION
16 ABOUT THAT HEARD THAT RESPONSE, THAT THAT'S BEEN ELIMINATED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I STILL WELL GO AHEAD AND HAVE HIM TESTIFY
19 'CAUSE I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS IN REGARDS, 'CAUSE WE NEVER DID
20 RECEIVE THE BUDGET AS TO HOW SOME OF THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO
21 BE EXPENDED. WE RECEIVED THE SCOPE OF WORK, BUT NOT THE
22 BUDGET.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE THE BUDGET THERE IN
25 THE RESPONSE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN IF YOU WANT ME TO ASK I CAN ASK THE
3 QUESTIONS NOW.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE QUESTION NOW.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, I MEAN, UNDER THE SCOPE OF WORK, AS WE
8 UNDERSTAND IT, THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO TRAIN LOBBYISTS AND
9 ISSUE A, YOU KNOW, ADVOCATES KIND OF THING. AND THE QUESTION I
10 HAD IS, ONE, WHO ARE THEY, NUMBER ONE, AND OUR COUNTY -- IS
11 THE COUNTY GOING TO BE TRAINING THEM, OR HOW ARE THEY GOING TO
12 BE TRAINED?

13

14 **CHUCK HENRY:** THE MAIN FOCUS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, OF THIS EFFORT
15 IS TO CREATE A CONSORTIUM OF LEADERS WITHIN THE AFRICAN-
16 AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 AND TO HAVE THEM SPEAK TO THEIR ELECTED AND APPOINTED
18 OFFICIALS AND THE STAFF OF THE TWO CONTRACTING AGENCIES WILL
19 ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS IF THERE ARE TRAINING NEEDS IN TERMS OF HOW
20 TO PRESENT CONCEPTS AND ISSUES TO ELECTED OFFICIALS. THAT'S
21 JUST A SMALL PORTION OF THE OVERALL CONTRACTED SERVICES WHICH
22 HAS THE INTENTION OF BRINGING TOGETHER LEADERS IN BUSINESS,
23 FAITH COMMUNITIES, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, BUSINESS
24 LEADERS, VARIOUS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO BRING FOCUS TO H.I.V.



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1 AND A.I.D.S. ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND
2 LATINOS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THERE'S ABOUT \$300,000 OF COUNTY MONEY
5 INVOLVED, SO I MEAN IT WILL BE ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THE
6 COUNTY, SO I MEAN I GUESS THE CONCERN IS HOW THAT INPUT IS
7 FORMULATED, MONITORING, YOU KNOW, OVERSIGHT, THOSE KINDS OF
8 THINGS.

9

10 **CHUCK HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT. THERE'S ABOUT \$50,000 IN EACH OF
11 THE TWO CONTRACTS PER YEAR FOR THE THREE YEARS OF THE CONTRACT
12 TO DO SOME OF THE ADVOCACY POLICY WORK. THAT, CONSISTENT WITH
13 ALL OF THE COUNTY CONTRACTS, WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE
14 CONSISTENTLY WITH COUNTY POLICY, THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE THAT
15 MANAGES THAT PROCESS, AND OUR MONITORING PROCESS TO ENSURE
16 THAT ANY POLICIES THAT WOULD BE TAKEN AS A RESULT -- POSITIONS
17 TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ANY COUNTY
18 POLICIES AND PASS THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY HAS IN
19 PLACE FOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND OBVIOUSLY WE ALL HAVE, YOU KNOW, THESE ISSUES
22 WITHIN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
23 FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT THAT THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT GET OUT
24 AHEAD OF COUNTY POLICY. AND I MEAN, I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I'D
25 LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER IDEA HOW YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 MONITOR THAT. I MEAN IF IT'S JUST TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
2 GOING TO MONITOR, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THAT'S -- THESE ARE --
3 IT'S A LOT OF POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED IN ACCESSING SOME OF
4 THESE DOLLARS.

5

6 **CHUCK HENRY:** YEAH. I THINK THAT THAT IS A VERY GOOD AND
7 IMPORTANT POINT. I THINK THAT MUCH OF THIS ACTIVITY, HOWEVER,
8 IS REALLY FOCUSING ON HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND
9 INCREASINGLY ENGAGE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO
10 COMMUNITIES AND THIS CONSORTIUM APPROACH WHICH IS USED IN
11 OTHER JURISDICTIONS IS INTENDED TO ENGAGE THE LEADERS IN THE
12 AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
13 TO REALLY BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT AND NORMALIZE CONVERSATIONS
14 ABOUT H.I.V. RISK, STIGMA, DISCRIMINATION IN COMMUNITIES. THE
15 SMALL PART THAT'S RELATED TO POLICY IS, ONE, TO ENSURE THAT WE
16 HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES, WHICH IS A SORT OF A CONSISTENT
17 POLICY POSITION FOR THE COUNTY AND MY OFFICE IN AGGRESSIVELY
18 PURSUING GRANTS THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE EPIDEMIC,
19 SO THAT'S THE BULK OF THAT POLICY, WHERE ANY OTHER WORK,
20 CERTAINLY WE WILL CLARIFY TO OUR CONTRACTORS WITH A WRITTEN
21 COMMUNICATION IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY CONTRACT LANGUAGE THAT
22 ANY POLICY WORKER POSITIONS RELATED TO THAT MUST ADHERE TO ALL
23 OF THE COUNTY POLICIES AND THAT THEY FOLLOW THE COUNTY BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS' ROLE AND LEAD AUTHORITY IN SETTING COUNTY
25 POLICY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AS I SAY, WE'VE RECEIVED YOUR SCOPE OF WORK
3 AND WE'D APPRECIATE SEEING THE BUDGET AND SEE HOW YOU'RE GOING
4 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE VARIOUS DOLLARS AND, YOU KNOW, HOW THE
5 TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND GOING TO BE SPENT SO, IF WE CAN GET A
6 HANDLE ON THAT BEFORE --

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL PROVIDE THAT AND WE'LL WORK WITH THE
9 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, SUPERVISOR, TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS
10 VERY, VERY CLEAR AND SEGREGATED.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES DO YOU WANT TO START?

13

14 **STEPHEN SIMON:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I'M
15 STEPHEN SIMON, THE A.I.D.S. COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES. THE CITY IS HEARTENED TO SEE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
17 INITIATIVE CLOSE TO FRUITION. WE RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL NEED
18 FOR IMPROVING SERVICES, PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY NETWORKS IN
19 THE H.I.V. COMMUNITY, THE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. COMMUNITY AND
20 PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE ARE ALSO COGNIZANT OF
21 THE CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT THE INITIATIVE. WE HOPE AND EXPECT
22 THAT THE PROVIDERS SELECTED FOR THE INITIATIVE WILL INVOLVE A
23 BROAD ARRAY OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND AVOID REINVENTING
24 THE WHEEL. WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT THEY WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE
25 USE OF THE FUNDS, PARTICULARLY THE FEDERAL FUNDS AS NOTED IN



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1 THE AMENDMENT AND THAT THEY USE IT TO FURTHER DEVELOP CARE,
2 PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS IN OUR MOST IMPACTED
3 COMMUNITIES, AND WE ALSO HOPE AND EXPECT THAT O.A.P.P. WILL
4 PROVIDE OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY THROUGHOUT THE
5 PROCESS. FURTHER, WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT O.A.P.P. WILL
6 FACILITATE THE PROVIDER'S ABILITY TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN
7 COMMUNITY-BASED POLICY STRATEGIES FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND
8 TREATMENT. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES A.I.D.S. COORDINATOR'S
9 OFFICE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
10 THOSE THAT ARE FOR OR AGAINST THE INITIATIVE, TO REALLY HELP
11 SUPPORT THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH AN
12 INITIATIVE AS AMENDED. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **CASTULO DE LA ROCHA:** MY NAME IS CASTULO DE LA ROCHA AND I'M
17 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ULTRAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION.
18 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF THESE
19 CONTRACTS. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WAS
20 ESTABLISHED -- WILL ESTABLISH TWO COUNTY-WIDE CONSORTIUMS TO
21 SERVE LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
22 EIGHT SERVICE PLANNING AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE GOAL
23 OF THIS CONSORTIUMS WOULD BE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT
24 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THESE COMMUNITIES AND TO SHAPE AND MOBILIZE
25 A UNIFORM RESPONSE TO THIS TERRIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THE



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1 WORK OF THESE CONSORTIUMS REPRESENTS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF
2 THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO A.I.D.S., PARTICULARLY FOR
3 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE LEADERSHIP AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 HEALTH SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. HAVE RECOGNIZED
5 THAT WHILE CARE AND PREVENTION SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL, WE MUST
6 GO BEYOND MERE SERVICE PROVISION TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE LARGER
7 CULTURE ISSUES. WE MUST CONCENTRATE -- WE MUST CREATE
8 UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS AROUND A COMMON APPROACH TO THIS
9 VERY POLITICIZED DISEASE, ESPECIALLY IN LATINO AND AFRICAN-
10 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. THIS APPROACH MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, AND
11 I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
12 OFFICIALS FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND WISDOM. HERE IS WHY THESE
13 CONTRACTS ARE GOOD AND SOUND PUBLIC POLICY. FIRST, THE CULTURE
14 BARRIERS AND STIGMA IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR POSE OBSTACLES TO
15 ASSESSING TREATMENT AND -- ASSESSING TESTING AND TREATMENT.
16 LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ENTERING
17 OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE TO BENEFIT FORMS OF ADVANCES THAT WE HAVE
18 WITNESSED IN MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THIS
19 INITIATIVES WILL ADDRESS THE CULTURE OBSTACLES TO ASSESS CARE
20 BY RAISING AWARENESS AND CREATING PARTNERSHIPS AND BUY IN WITH
21 DIVERSE ENTITIES BEYOND THOSE IN H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
22 COMMUNITY. THE FAITH COMMUNITY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, MEDIA,
23 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISES AND BUSINESS AND OTHERS. WE MUST GET
24 INVOLVED, WE MUST GET INVOLVED IF WE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN
25 FIGHTING THIS DISEASE. OTHERWISE, WHAT WE WILL BE DOING,



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1 ESSENTIALLY PREACHING TO THE CHOIR IF WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS
2 THIS ALONE. SECONDLY, THE NUMBER OF LATINOS AND AFRICAN-
3 AMERICANS CONTINUE TO RISE. WE CONTINUE TO WITNESS A RISE IN
4 NEW INFECTIONS AMONG COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE A.I.D.S.
5 EPIDEMIC HAS EVOLVED FROM ONE AFFECTING MOSTLY WHITE GAY MEN
6 TO ONE CENTERED AROUND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WITH INCREASED
7 RATES AMONG WOMEN. ULTRAMED RECENTLY CONDUCTED AN ANALYSIS OF
8 POSITIVITY RATES AT PUBLIC FUNDED TEST SITES IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. ACCORDING TO OUR ESTIMATES, BY THE YEAR 2015, WE WILL
10 WITNESS A 31.5% INCREASE OVER THE YEAR 2001 IN THE NUMBER OF
11 LATINOS TESTING POSITIVE AT PUBLIC FUNDED TEST SITES IN LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. 31% RISE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TESTING
13 POSITIVELY. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS,
14 PRIVATE PRACTICES. THAT'S AN ENORMOUS NUMBER. THE THIRD
15 REASON, WE NEED TO EXPLORE THE FUNDING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH
16 THIS DISEASE. AS THE DISEASE BURDEN INCREASES, HOW WILL WE
17 CONTINUE TO FINANCE THE CARE, THE TREATMENT, THE PREVENTION OF
18 THIS DISEASE AT A LEVEL PROPORTION TO THE RISE OF NEW
19 INFECTIONS? WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS TODAY PROACTIVELY WITH A
20 VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO PREPARE TO DEAL WITH
21 THIS DISEASE IN THE YEARS TO COME. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PLAN
22 AHEAD. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS CONTRACT AND SUPPORT THE
23 FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN LATINO AND AFRICAN-
24 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 TIME AND CONSIDERATION. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU
3 NOT TO APPLAUD BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS AND
4 APPLAUDING AND SO, YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE TO APPLAUD, NOW WE'RE
5 GOING TO ASK YOU NOT TO.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND MADAM CHAIR COULD I JUST FOLLOW UP WITH A
8 QUESTION, I MEAN IN CONCURRING WITH THE STATISTICS YOU'VE
9 QUOTED THERE, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED
10 TO US AND IT'S MY FIGHT ALL THE TIME IS THAT THIS ISSUE IS
11 MUCH BIGGER THAN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND IT INCLUDES ALL 88
12 CITIES. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M CONCERNED LIKE THE CONCERN
13 EXPRESSED TO ME BY THE H.I.V., THE LATINO COALITION OUT IN
14 WHITTIER, THE REAL HAHNS A.I.D.S. PROJECT IN SOUTHEAST LOS
15 ANGELES, AND I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, WHETHER THESE DOLLARS ARE
16 STRETCHING OUT THAT WAY, AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE
17 ISSUE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE DEALING
18 WITH THESE CONTRACT DOLLARS COUNTY-WIDE. AND, YOU KNOW, I
19 DON'T KNOW WHY, MAYBE STAFF HAS AN ANSWER WHY THOSE TWO
20 ENTITIES THAT I JUST MENTIONED ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THIS
21 PROCESS.

22

23 **CHUCK HENRY:** SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD EXPECT THOSE ENTITIES TO BE
24 INVOLVED. ALL OF THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICE PROVIDERS,
25 ALTHOUGH THIS IS INTENDED TO BRING TOGETHER A DIFFERENT



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1 COALITION OF NON-H.I.V. PROVIDERS, LEADERS IN THOSE
2 COMMUNITIES, BUT WE DO EXPECT, AND IT'S CLEARLY STATED IN THE
3 CONTRACT LANGUAGE, THAT WE DO EXPECT THAT THESE CONSORTIUMS
4 WILL FIRST CONVENE THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICE PROVIDERS TO
5 DEVELOP A SET OF PROTOCOLS ABOUT HOW THEY REACH OUT TO ALL OF
6 THE INSTITUTIONS, ALL THE LEADERS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES
7 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM VERY CLEAR IN MY MIND
8 ABOUT THE DISPERSION OF THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC
9 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR ABSOLUTE VIGILANT NEED
10 TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY ARE ENGAGED IN THIS,
11 AND I GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO
12 ENSURE THAT THE LEADERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE
13 ENGAGED THROUGH THESE CONSORTIUM APPROACHES.

14

15 **CASTULO DE LA ROCHA:** AND WE'LL BE DELIGHTED TO ANSWER THE --
16 AND JUST VERY BRIEFLY, YOU HAVE OUR PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT WE
17 WILL BE REACHING TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND THOSE COMMUNITIES
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AS THE
19 TWO PARTNERS, THE TWO CONTRACTORS AT THIS POINT HAVE
20 DISCUSSED. THIS IS AN ISSUE MUCH BROADER THAN EACH OF US
21 INDIVIDUALLY CAN REACH. COLLECTIVELY, WE CAN DO A LOT MORE AND
22 REACHING WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING ALREADY IN
23 THE EPIDEMIC, AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT YET INVOLVED BUT NEED TO
24 BE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE
2 BOBBIE PARKS HERE.

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4 **BOBBIE PARKS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE
5 SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BOBBIE PARKS, AND I'M
6 HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
7 INITIATIVE. I'M SURE, IN LOOKING AROUND, THAT THERE ARE A LOT
8 HERE THAT REMEMBER THE OLD AFRICAN PROVERB, QUOTE "IT TAKES A
9 VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD." I BELIEVE IT TAKES THE ENTIRE
10 COMMUNITY TO STOP H.I.V., AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS
12 HELPING AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINO COMMUNITIES TO STOP
13 H.I.V. IN L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST RAISE THE AWARENESS OF
14 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC BY ENLISTING THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT
15 OF COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND
16 ADDING ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE ARRAY OF EXISTING
17 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. PREVENTION SERVICES NOW IN PLACE. I'M AN
18 OUTSIDER TO THE A.I.D.S. POLITICS, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE
19 OF THE LONGSTANDING H.I.V. ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED THIS
20 INITIATIVE AND HAVE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE
21 FUNDING SHOULD GO TO WHAT THEY CALL DIRECT SERVICES. PLEASE
22 ALLOW ME TO BE BLUNT ABOUT THIS MATTER. STOPPING
23 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES
24 IS A DIRECT SERVICE, AND I'M PROFOUNDLY TROUBLED THAT THERE IS
25 EVEN ANY QUESTION ABOUT THIS. IT MAY BE A SERVICE THAT THE



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1 OPPONENTS OF THIS INITIATIVE DO NOT PROVIDE OR EVEN VALUE, AND
2 I CAN RESPECT THEIR CHOICE, BUT I ALSO EXPECT THEM TO RESPECT
3 THE FACT THAT THE NEED FOR THIS SERVICE REMAINS AND THAT THE
4 WORK FOR THIS INITIATIVE SUPPORT IS VERY VITAL. LIKE ALL OF
5 YOU, I DEEPLY HOPE THAT WE WILL SOON SEE A TIME AND A PLACE
6 WHEN H.I.V. HAS BEEN CONQUERED AND H.I.V. PREVENTION IS NO
7 LONGER NECESSARY. THE GRIM REALITY IS THAT H.I.V. PREVENTION
8 IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER, AND WE ARE EACH CALLED UPON TO
9 DO WHAT WE CAN TO SERVE THOSE IN GREATEST NEED. THANK YOU FOR
10 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE INITIATIVE AND FOR YOUR ONGOING
11 SUPPORT FOR THE WORK IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO
12 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE NOW GOING TO
15 CALL UP MIKI JACKSON AND CESAR PORTILLO, AND I BELIEVE THAT
16 THEY ARE OPPOSED, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM. UH-HUH,
17 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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19 **CESAR PORTILLO:** MY NAME IS CESAR PORTILLO, I'M CHIEF OF PUBLIC
20 AFFAIRS WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I WANT TO
21 DISAGREE WITH CHUCK HENRY'S DESCRIPTION OF LOBBYING AS A SMALL
22 PART OF THIS CONTRACT. THE FOCUS IS LOBBYING. THAT'S WHAT THIS
23 IS ABOUT, AND YOU'LL BE USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO LOBBY IN PART
24 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ILLEGAL. I DRAW YOUR
25 ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT A-4, WHICH SHOULD BE IN YOUR PACKETS OF



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1 THE SCOPE OF WORK, AND IN PARTICULAR MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE 4.0.
2 FROM THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE CONSORTIUM WILL DRAFT A POLICY
3 BRIEFING FOR PRESENTATION TO LEGISLATORS AT THE LOCAL, STATE,
4 AND NATIONAL LEVELS IN ASSOCIATION WITH KEY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH
5 AS A.I.D.S. ACTION, WHICH IS A FEDERAL ORGANIZATION.
6 DISSEMINATE POLICY BRIEFINGS TO LEGISLATORS AND OTHER PUBLIC
7 POLICY STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. MEASURABLE
8 OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5, CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES WILL BECOME
9 INVOLVED IN STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS A.I.D.S.
10 ACTION 5.5, CONSORTIUM WILL PREVENT POLICY BRIEFINGS
11 DEVELOPED, PLANNING BODIES, AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AS
12 APPROPRIATE. 5.6, THE CONSORTIUM WILL JOIN A.I.D.S. ACTION,
13 WHICH IS A FEDERAL LOBBYING ORGANIZATION. MOVING OVER TO 6.0,
14 THE CONSORTIUM WILL DEVELOP PUBLIC AFFAIRS COLLOQUIALLY THAT
15 ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS INCLUDING THE RYAN WHITE CARE
16 ACT. 6.1, THE CONSORTIUM WILL SEEK TO HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS
17 ASSIST WITH THESE TRAININGS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL HEALTH
18 DEPARTMENT. MOVING ON TO 7.0, THE CONSORTIUM WILL CONDUCT
19 AREA-WIDE POLICY BRIEFINGS FOR LEGISLATORS AT THE LOCAL,
20 STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS. 7.1, FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO
21 CONDUCT BRIEFINGS. 7.3, BRING LEGISLATORS AND POLICY MAKERS TO
22 A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF HOW THEY CAN ADDRESS THE
23 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. CRISIS IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, AREA
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE TARGETED
25 POPULATION THERE. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE 8.0, THE CONSORTIUM



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1 WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL A.I.D.S. LOBBYING IN SACRAMENTO AND
2 8.1 A.I.D.S. WATCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THEN FINALLY, 9.0,
3 THE PROGRAM MANAGER WILL DEVELOP AN ANNUAL CONSORTIUM REPORT
4 OUTLINING ALL THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS ACCOMPLISHED. NOW,
5 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A SMALL PART OF THE
6 INITIATIVE, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY THE CORE OF WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.
7 THIS IS ABOUT LOBBYING, AND IT'S ABOUT USING FEDERAL FUNDING
8 FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES, WHICH IS ILLEGAL. FURTHER, WHO IS GOING
9 TO BELIEVE A LOBBYING MESSAGE THAT L.A. COUNTY DESPERATELY
10 NEEDS MORE MONEY FOR A.I.D.S. PREVENTION, TESTING, AND
11 TREATMENT WHILE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES A
12 WHOPPING \$1.5 MILLION TO FUND LOBBYING. THERE ARE MANY MORE
13 PRODUCTIVE THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE WITH THIS MONEY, AND I
14 THINK THAT THE DESCRIPTION THAT LOBBYING IS A SMALL PART OF
15 THIS IS DISINGENUOUS, I THINK IT'S INACCURATE, I THINK THAT
16 YOU OUGHT TO BE VERY CONSCIOUS OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.
17 A FIG LEAF OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTING
18 FOR THIS FEDERAL MONEY TO ENSURE THAT IT'S NOT PART OF A
19 LOBBYING EFFORT IS JUST THAT, A FIG LEAF. ONCE THIS COMES
20 UNDER FEDERAL REVIEW, THIS WON'T STAND UP, AND I URGE YOU TO
21 VOTE "NO."

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN COUNTY COUNSEL RESPOND TO THAT?

24



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1 **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE
2 REGARDING LOBBYING, OUR OFFICE HAS TALKED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES REGARDING THEIR INTENTION UNDER THE CONTRACT,
4 AND WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THEIR INTENTION WAS TO ALWAYS
5 UTILIZE THE COUNTY MONEY TO PAY FOR THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY
6 ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE
7 DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT AND LOOK AT THE CONTRACT, WHICH WE
8 WILL DO BEFORE IT IS EXECUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT
9 THE STATEMENT OF WORK IS DELINEATED AND THE LOBBYING
10 ACTIVITIES ARE DELINEATED SPECIFICALLY AND MAKE SURE THAT'S
11 COMMENSURATE WITH THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THEY WOULD GET
12 UNDER THE COUNTY MONEY. IF THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY THAT IS
13 BEING REQUESTED AS FAR AS LOBBYING OR ADVOCACY IS IN EXCESS OF
14 THE \$300,000, THEN THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDMENTS TO THE
15 STATEMENT OF WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS AN APPROPRIATE
16 AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY MONEY
17 THAT'S INVOLVED HERE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** DOES THAT HAVE TO COME BACK TO US, THEN, IF IT WAS
20 IN EXCESS OF 300,000?

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22 **BOBBIE PARKS:** AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED, IT DOES NOT. THE
23 RECOMMENDATION WAS AMENDED THIS MORNING TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT
24 THE ABILITY TO PUT THAT LANGUAGE INTO THE CONTRACT. MY
25 ANTICIPATION IS THAT WE WOULD WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND



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1 WORK ON THE STATEMENT OF WORKS SO THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE, BUT
2 IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY
3 THAT IS REQUIRED, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE OH TO COME BACK TO THE
4 BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO SPEND MORE THAN \$300,000 IN COUNTY
5 MONEY. SO IT REALLY DEPENDS UPON HOW MUCH QUOTE-UNQUOTE
6 'ADVOCACY ACTIVITY' THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO GET FROM THIS
7 CONTRACTOR. IT CANNOT EXCEED THE \$300,000, OBVIOUSLY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

10

11 **MIKI JACKSON:** MIKI JACKSON WITH A.H.F. THE PUBLIC POSTING OF
12 THIS ITEM ON THE BOARD AGENDA IS MISLEADING, AT BEST. THE
13 PUBLIC NOTICE INDICATES THAT THIS IS ABOUT EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND
14 TREATMENT, NO FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR TESTING PEOPLE WITH
15 H.I.V. NO FUNDS ARE BEING USED TO BUY MEDICATIONS, NO FUNDS
16 ARE BEING USED TO RUN LAB TESTS OR PAY PHYSICIANS TO TREAT
17 ANYONE. IT SHOULD SAY 1.5 MILLION TO LOBBY FOR A.I.D.S.
18 FUNDING. IF THERE IS NO SHAME IN THAT, WHY LIE ABOUT IT?
19 PUBLIC NOTICE WAS ABUSED AGAIN. DETAILS ON THIS CONTRACT WERE
20 NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 24 HOURS AGO, INCLUDING THE SCOPE OF WORK
21 GIVEN THE MISLEADING NOTICE FOR THIS CONTRACT, IT IS ONLY IN
22 READING THIS SCOPE OF WORK THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT THIS IS
23 ABOUT LOBBYING. THAT'S 154 PAGES YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH.
24 MINIMALLY, THIS SHOULD GO BACK TO THE DEPUTIES FOR FULL
25 DISCUSSION AND GIVE THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY BEYOND THE THREE



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1 MINUTES GRANTED HERE TO PROVIDE GENUINE INPUT TO YOU, OUR
2 ELECTED OFFICIALS. THERE IS NO EMERGENCY NEED TO FUND THIS
3 CONTRACT. THIS WAY, WHY ARE YOU ACTING AS IF THERE IS. THESE
4 ARE NEW CONTRACTS, NOT EXTENSIONS ON OLD ONES. THERE IS NO
5 EMERGENCY REASON TO JUSTIFY THE LACK OF PUBLIC NOTICE OR
6 INPUT. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF ISSUES HERE. WE JUST HEARD FROM
7 COUNTY COUNSEL. THAT VETTING SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE THIS
8 WAS BROUGHT TO YOU, THAT ISSUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP
9 BEFORE. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BRING THAT ISSUE UP. THE
10 DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE HAD TO BRING THAT ISSUE UP. WE THINK
11 THIS IS BEING RUSHED THROUGH, WE THINK THE ISSUES ARE FAR TOO
12 SERIOUS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO AT MINIMUM ASK YOU TO HOLD THIS
13 ITEM TO HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL GO THROUGH IT MORE THOROUGHLY. I
14 THINK THIS ITEM HAS BEEN RUSHED TO YOU AND I THINK THAT IS A
15 STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY
18 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, KERRY BROADUS AND KEVIN PICKETT. PLEASE
19 STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **KEVIN PICKETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN
22 PICKETT. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PALMS RESIDENTIAL CARE
23 FACILITY, THE HOME AND THE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH
24 H.I.V. AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. I CAME TO THE
25 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES FAIRLY LATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE



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1 EPIDEMIC BECAUSE -- WELL BECAUSE I HAD MADE A COMFORTABLE
2 LIVING FOR MYSELF, SECURED A FUTURE FOR MY FAMILY, AND WANTED
3 TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I WILL ADMIT THAT I
4 DIDN'T KNOW THEN A LOT ABOUT HEALTHCARE PLANNING, AND SO I
5 APPROACHED THIS AS A BUILDER WOULD. I LOOKED FOR A FOUNDATION
6 AND I LEARNED THAT THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO
7 THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC IS JUST NOT WHERE IT SHOULD BE.
8 AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT I AM IN ANY WAY CRITICIZING
9 THE EXTRAORDINARY AND HEROIC EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE THE LATE
10 PAUL DAVIS OF MINORITY A.I.D.S. PROJECT, DR. WILBERT JORDAN OF
11 THE OASIS CLINIC, ARCHBISHOP CARL BEAN, MINORITY A.I.D.S.
12 PROJECT, SYLVIA DREW IVY, T.H.E. CLINIC, AND TOO MANY OTHERS
13 TO NAME. THE REMARKABLE WORK THEY DID IS EVEN ALL THE MORE
14 REMARKABLE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THEY DID IT WITHOUT A PROPER
15 FOUNDATION. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IS ABOUT
16 LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR SERVICES. ITS APPROACH IS SIMPLE. WE
17 NEED COMMUNITY LEADERS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS
18 AROUND H.I.V. RISK AND DISEASE. WE NEED COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO
19 ARE ALREADY ACTIVE ON A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
20 WELFARE ISSUES TO REMEMBER THAT H.I.V. REMAINS A THREAT TO
21 THOSE IN GREATEST NEED AND HAS A POTENTIAL OF UNDOING EVERY
22 BIT OF PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAKE. WE NEED TO
23 WORK WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO WEAVE INTO THE FABRIC OF THE
24 COMMUNITY AN AWARENESS OF H.I.V., A COMMITMENT TO REDUCING
25 RISK FOR H.I.V. AND A SAFETY NET FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED. A LOT



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1 OF CHANGE IN THE -- A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S.
2 EPIDEMIC. EVEN IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME OF MY INVOLVEMENT,
3 BUT SOME THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. H.I.V./A.I.D.S. KILLS, AND IT
4 KILLS MOST OFTEN THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DISEASE,
5 WHOSE HEARTS HAVE NOT BEEN TOUCHED AND WHOSE MINDS HAVE NOT
6 BEEN OPENED. I BELIEVE THAT MY COMMUNITY HAS A HEART AND THE
7 SOUL TO REACH THOSE AT RISK FOR H.I.V. AND THOSE WHO NEED
8 H.I.V. IN MEDICAL AND OTHER SERVICES AND ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT
9 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TO MAKE THAT A REALITY.
10 WHEN PALMS RESIDENTIAL BEGAN PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO
11 PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., SOME OF THOSE SAME
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TODAY OPPOSE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
13 INITIATIVE, OPPOSE OUR COUNTY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. WITH YOUR
14 HELP, WE OVERCAME THAT OPPOSITION, AND I AM MORE PROUD THAN I
15 CAN TELL YOU TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE TO HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS
16 OF L.A. COUNTY SINCE THEN. I HOPE YOU HELP TO EXPAND THESE
17 SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY DESPERATELY NEEDS. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **KERRY BROADUS:** MY NAME IS KERRY BROADUS AND I'M A LONG TIME
23 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY I HAVE
24 OVER 20 YEARS BEING A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER THROUGHOUT LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE



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1 OLDEST MINORITY ORGANIZATION CALLED MINORITY A.I.D.S. PROJECT,
2 AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE YOUNGEST
3 MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS, CALLED PALMS RESIDENTIAL. OVER THE
4 PAST FOUR YEARS, I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH
5 PALMS RESIDENTIAL IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
6 CAPACITY BUILDING, TO STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO STABILIZE
7 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS, LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
8 AND ALSO ARE SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
9 DISORDERS. WHAT I EXPERIENCED IN THESE LAST FOUR YEARS IS TO
10 RECOGNIZE AN ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE A VERY
11 PROFITABLE FOR-PROFIT ENTITY AND TURN IT INTO A NONPROFIT IN
12 ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE LEAST OF THEM. I ALSO SAW HOW
13 SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION REALLY WORKS IN A COMMUNITY. SOCIAL
14 TRANSFORMATION THAT NOT ONLY LOOKS TO A.I.D.S. SERVICE
15 ORGANIZATIONS, BUT LOOKS ACROSS THE BOARD. IT LOOKED AT FAITH-
16 BASED ORGANIZATION, IT LOOKS AT BUSINESSES, IT LOOKS AT THE
17 NEIGHBORS TO THE LEFT AND TO THE RIGHT AND TO THE NORTH AND TO
18 THE SOUTH. IT IS THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION THAT I EXPERIENCE
19 FIRSTHAND WHAT IS NEEDED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE MUST CREATE
20 A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, A NEW SPHERE OF INFLUENCE THAT GOES
21 BACK TO NEARLY 1999 WHEN THIS BOARD, IN ITS WISDOM, DECLARED A
22 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ADDRESSED THE ISSUES AROUND CAPACITY
23 BUILDING, PARTICULARLY IN MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS. YOU
24 ALLOCATED \$1.2 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS INITIATIVE IS REALLY A CONTINUATION



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1 OF YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR WISDOM THAT YOU SAW BACK IN 1999.
2 SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IS AN INTERVENTION THAT SPEAKS TO THE
3 COMMUNITY LEVEL. SCIENCE TELLS US THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
4 INFLUENCE OF THEIR BEHAVIOR IS MORE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH
5 THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. WE MUST CHANGE THE WAY OUR COMMUNITY
6 VIEWS H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. WE MUST FIND WAYS WHERE WE CAN
7 STABILIZE OUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, BUT WE
8 MUST FIRST HAVE A FOUNDATION. THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
9 INITIATIVE WILL ALLOW US TO BUILD UPON A FOUNDATION OF
10 COOPERATION, COLLABORATION, AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING A
11 DIFFERENCE. I SUPPORT THE PASSING OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24
12 THAT WILL HELP TO IDENTIFY EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF FOLKS LIVING
13 WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND
14 LATINOS, AND STRENGTHENING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS SERVICES.
15 IN CLOSING, DATA TELLS US, DATA TELLS US THAT AFRICAN-
16 AMERICANS AND LATINO ARE WELL INTO THE PROGRESSION OF THE
17 DISEASE BEFORE THEY ENTER SERVICES. HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO
18 STOP THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WELL WE DON'T HAVE ANY -- ANY
21 QUESTIONS? IS THERE A MOTION?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. THERE IS GOING TO BE
24 SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT THE MONEY CANNOT BE USED FOR LOBBYING,
25 WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SERVICES? MEDICAL SERVICES?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FEDERAL MONEY?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FEDERAL MONEY.

5

6 **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WILL BE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT
7 ONLY THE COUNTY MONEY MAY BE USED FOR ANY ADVOCACY OR LOBBYING
8 ACTIVITIES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT WILL SAY THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED
13 FOR LOBBYING, OR WILL IT SAY NOT USE INAPPROPRIATELY?

14

15 **BOBBIE PARKS:** ACTUALLY, IT WILL SAY IT IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. IT
16 WILL SET FORTH WHAT THE FEDERAL MONEY MAY BE USED FOR AND WHAT
17 THE COUNTY MAY BE USED FOR, SO IT WILL ASSURE THAT NO FEDERAL
18 MONEY IS BEING USED FOR IMPERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES, WHICH THE
19 TOPIC WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY IS THE LOBBYING OR THE ADVOCACY
20 ACTIVITIES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** IT COULD BE AMENDED TO COME BACK IF -- AND YOU
23 SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS CHANGED THAT IT WOULDN'T COME BACK
24 IF IT EXCEEDED 300,000 AND WE AMENDED --

25



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1 **BOBBIE PARKS:** YES. AS LONG AS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING SPENT
2 IN THE CONTRACT FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IS LESS THAN THE
3 300,000, IT WOULD NOT BE COMING BACK TO THIS BOARD UNLESS YOU
4 REQUESTED THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'RE UNSURE I MEAN JUST WE'RE UNSURE BECAUSE
7 WE DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE OUTLINE OF THE BUDGET AND WHERE
8 THOSE DOLLARS ARE GOING TO GO, BUT ALL I'M ASKING IS IF IT
9 POTENTIALLY EXCEEDS A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, IS IT GOING TO
10 COME BACK TO THE BOARD, OR HOW IS THAT GOING TO WORK?

11

12 **BOBBIE PARKS:** IF IT EXCEEDS \$300,000, WHICH IS THE COUNTY --
13 AMOUNT OF COUNTY MONEY, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE
14 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THAT CONTRACT, IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK
15 TO THE BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, THAT IT WOULD HAVE
20 TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

21

22 **BOBBIE PARKS:** BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY, COUNTY MONEY THAT
23 IS CURRENTLY APPROPRIATED BY THE BOARD IS \$300,000. IF THEY
24 WANTED TO PURCHASE ADVOCACY OR LOBBYING SERVICES IN EXCESS OF
25 THAT THEY COULD NOT DO THAT UNDER THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THEY WANTED MORE -- IF THEY WANTED TO
3 DO MORE ADVOCACY, THEY'D HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR
4 MORE MONEY, IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

5

6 **BOBBIE PARKS:** CORRECT, AND NON-FEDERAL MONEY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK THE QUESTION, SINCE
9 WHEN IS OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR
10 LOBBYING?

11

12 **BOBBIE PARKS:** IT'S ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES. THE PRECLUSION WE'RE
13 ADDRESSING HERE WITH THIS SEGREGATION OF FUNDING IS A FEDERAL
14 PRECLUSION THAT PRECLUDES FEDERAL MONEY FROM THE BEING USED
15 FOR LOBBYING OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT I'M ASKING YOU DOES -- IS THERE
18 ANY LAW THAT PRECLUDES PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS LOCALLY
19 GENERATED FROM BEING USED FOR LOBBYING?

20

21 **BOBBIE PARKS:** NO, SUPERVISOR, WE USE COUNTY MONEY TO LOBBY AT
22 THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL IN MANY INSTANCES.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S THE COUNTY AS A GOVERNMENT. I'M
2 TALKING ABOUT TO GIVE MONEY TO A CONTRACTOR OF ANY KIND ON ANY
3 SUBJECT MATTER TO LOBBY.

4

5 **BOBBIE PARKS:** AS LONG AS IT IS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR COUNTY
6 POLICY AND DIRECTION, WE UTILIZE CONTRACTORS TO DO LOBBYING
7 FOR US AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE WHOLE -- NO GO AHEAD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WOULD WE ALLOW THOSE DOLLARS TO BE
12 USED FOR LOBBYING WHEN THEY OUGHT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR
13 SERVICES?

14

15 **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR THAT'S A POLICY ISSUE. I THINK
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS ADDRESSING THE LEGAL ISSUE AS TO
17 WHETHER IT'S PERMISSIBLE. I BELIEVE IT'S YOUR POLICY ISSUE AS
18 TO WHETHER THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO USE THE FUNDS FOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE POLICY?

21

22 **BOBBIE PARKS:** CERTAINLY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD HAVE THE C.A.O. BRING A POLICY
25 BEFORE THE BOARD WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASSURE THAT THOSE



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1 DOLLARS THAT ARE USED ARE USED FOR SERVICES THAT EXCLUDE
2 LOBBYING.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I THINK THERE'S A
5 CONFUSION HERE, AND THERE'S A FOCUS ON EXCLUSIVELY LOBBYING.
6 THE ISSUE HERE IS ADVOCACY. THE ISSUE IS HOW DO WE GET MORE
7 AND MORE PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE A PROBLEM THAT IS SITTING IN
8 FRONT OF THEM? HOW DO WE GET THEM TO JOIN TOGETHER, TO BAND
9 TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THE LATINO
10 COMMUNITIES TO BECOME LEADERS FOR ADVOCACY, TO BRING MORE
11 DOLLARS, TO BRING MORE RESOURCES, TO LEVERAGE THEIR ABILITY TO
12 COME TOGETHER AND ADVOCATE TO THEIR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL
13 ABOUT THE URGENCY WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES? THAT AND SO
14 YOU'RE TERMING IT AS A LOBBYIST, AS SO SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GO
15 -- EVEN IN THE MARCH, YOU KNOW, TO BE AN ADVOCATE, TO SHOW THE
16 UNITY, PARTICULARLY OF MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AFFECTED,
17 TO COME TOGETHER AND TO BE THE ADVOCATES. THIS COMMUNITY IS
18 CRYING OUT FOR THIS LEADERSHIP. IT IS CRYING OUT FOR THIS
19 LEADERSHIP. AND SO TO TAINT IT AS SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG,
20 INCORRECT AND WRONG IS A MISTAKE. THIS IS HOW TO BUILD A
21 COALITION, HOW TO BUILD A PARTNERSHIP, HOW TO COME TOGETHER
22 AND SAY, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE LEGISLATURE, BUSINESS
23 LEADERS, UNION LEADERS, RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
24 RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. EVERY SINGLE DAY, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE



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1 AFFECTED BY H.I.V., AND NO ONE WANTS TO CONFRONT IT UNTIL IT'S
2 IN THEIR FAMILY, IT'S IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IT'S IN THEIR
3 SCHOOL. INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THAT WE CAN CURB IT, WE CAN END
4 IT, WE CAN FIND A WAY TO BRING MORE RESOURCES TO IT, THAT IS
5 WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. SO LET'S NOT
6 LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GAIN HERE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST ADD ONE OTHER THING IN TERMS OF
9 ADVOCACY THAT I HAVE SEEN HAPPEN? ONE OF THE THINGS IN THE
10 AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS THAT CHURCHES, PARTICULARLY IN
11 VIEW OF SOME OF THE ORIENTATION, A CONSERVATIVE ORIENTATION,
12 AND I SHOULDN'T SAY THEIR ATTITUDES IN TERMS OF HOMOSEXUALITY
13 AS A RESULT HAVE ALMOST TURNED THEIR BACK ON COMMUNITIES AND
14 ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF
15 PEOPLE PERHAPS WITHIN THAT CONGREGATION -- I SHOULDN'T SAY
16 LARGE NUMBERS, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WITHIN THAT CONGREGATION
17 WHO ARE EXPOSED TO H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. NOW, PART OF ADVOCACY
18 AND PART OF WHAT I UNDERSTAND WOULD BE HERE IS YOU GET -- AND
19 I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN THE FIRST STEP IN DOING THIS, YOU
20 BRING TOGETHER THESE CHURCHES AND THESE FAITH COMMUNITIES TO
21 EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THEY HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK
22 SOMETIMES DIRECTING THE CHOIR, AND THAT IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE
23 THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY. NOW, THIS
24 IS NOT VERY POPULAR ADVOCACY IN SOME COMMUNITIES, BUT IT'S
25 SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE. NOW, IF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING



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1 ABOUT IS GOING TO WASHINGTON, AND I THINK THE REASON WHY SOME
2 OF THE PEOPLE ARE VERY UPSET, IS PERHAPS IT WILL BE SAYING
3 THAT WE BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS SHOULD GO
4 TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO COMMUNITIES,
5 AND TO WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN THE FASTEST GROWING NUMBERS IN
6 TERMS OF A.I.D.S., AND SOME OF THAT DOES HAVE SOME IMPLICATION
7 AS IT RELATES TO SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSING THIS. SO, YOU
8 KNOW, I THINK THAT THE IDEA WAS TO SAY IT WAS \$50,000 IS MY
9 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
10 SPENDING OVER THESE THREE YEARS. RIGHT?

11

12 **CHUCK HENRY:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** \$50,000.

15

16 **CHUCK HENRY:** 50,000 PER CONTRACT, AND THAT'S HOW YOU GET --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT THE TOTAL CAP IS \$50,000. NOW, IF
19 WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS TO AMEND IT TO SAY SPECIFICALLY NO MORE
20 THAN \$50,000 SHOULD BE SPENT BY EITHER ONE OF THESE AGENCIES
21 FOR FEDERAL OR STATE LOBBYING IN THE USUAL WAY THAT WE
22 ANTICIPATE IT, I WOULD THINK THAT THAT MAKES SENSE AND THAT
23 WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CONTRACT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T SAY 50,000, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 300,000.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S WHAT'S IN THE CONTRACT.

3

4 **CHUCK HENRY:** IT'S 50,000.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL 50,000 FOR THREE YEARS, EACH CONTRACT THAT'S
7 300,000.

8

9 **CHUCK HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS ACTUALLY JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
12 WHAT THE CONTRACT SAID. I WASN'T EVEN LEADING UP TO ANY MOTION
13 OR ANYTHING. AND IF I COULD JUST FINISH MY QUESTION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BETWEEN THE TWO CONTRACTS, THE 300,000 IS
18 THE NET COUNTY COST WHICH IS USEABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND
19 IT'S CAPPED AT THAT, WHAT IS THE -- COULD YOU DETAIL -- NOT
20 DETAIL, BUT TO GIVE SOME SENSE OF WHAT THE OTHER 1.2 MILLION
21 IS TO BE USED FOR?

22

23 **CHUCK HENRY:** YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THAT'S THE
24 DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE CONSORTIUMS HERE LOCALLY,
25 TO CONVENE THE LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THE AFRICAN-



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1 AMERICAN LATINO THAT CAN TAKE THE MESSAGE OF H.I.V. AND
2 A.I.D.S. AWARENESS OUT TO THEIR CONGREGATIONS, AS THE MADAM
3 CHAIR SPOKE ABOUT, TO THEIR BUSINESSES, TO THEIR WORKPLACES,
4 TO ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN COMMUNITY
5 THAT SPEAK TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT ARE NOT
6 MAKING IT TO AN H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ORGANIZATION. THIS IS NOT
7 ABOUT ORGANIZING AND CONTINUING TO ORGANIZE HOW WE PREACH TO
8 THE CHOIR. THIS IS ABOUT BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITIES AND
9 MAKING A.I.D.S. AWARENESS --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY I UNDERSTAND. SO IT'S A HUNDRED PERCENT
12 IN THIS VEIN. I MEAN, IT'S EITHER THAT OR THE ADVOCACY, A
13 COMBINATION OF THOSE TWO.

14

15 **CHUCK HENRY:** RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE FEDERAL -- THE SOURCE OF THE FEDERAL
18 FUNDS IS WHAT?

19

20 **CHUCK HENRY:** THE SOURCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS IS THE CENTERS FOR
21 DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AS I INDICATED --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THIS -- I KNOW YOU DID, BUT I WASN'T --
24 I WAS DISTRACTED. SO THE -- IS A -- IS SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS
25 PURPOSE?



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2 **CHUCK HENRY:** WE HAVE A COOPERATIVE GAIN WITH THE THE CENTERS
3 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. THEY DEFINE A
4 COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PROGRAM AS INCLUDING HEALTH
5 EDUCATION, RISK REDUCTION COUNSELING, SOCIAL MARKETING, PUBLIC
6 INFORMATION, STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS, LIKE FAITH-BASED
7 INITIATIVES THAT ORGANIZE FAITH LEADERS AND COMMUNITY
8 DEVELOPMENT YES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THESE FUNDS THAT COULD BE USED -- COULD
11 THEY BE USED FOR DIRECT PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES?

12

13 **CHUCK HENRY:** NOT THE C.D.C. PREVENTION FUNDS, THESE ARE
14 PREVENTION SERVICES INTENDED TO ORGANIZE AND GET
15 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AWARENESS AND EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITY
16 MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SO MOVE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND IT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY
2 OPPOSITION OR ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. [
3 APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE --

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST -- MADAM CHAIR TO THIS DEPARTMENT, WE WILL, I
8 MEAN I REALLY WANT TO SEE A COPY OF THAT BUDGET.

9

10 **CHUCK HENRY:** I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET IT TODAY. WE'RE VERY SORRY
11 YOU DIDN'T GET IT SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAKE SURE WE ALL GET IT. OKAY?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WE WANT TO SEE IT AND WE WANT TO
16 MONITOR IT. BUT IT'S ALSO, IT WASN'T MADE CLEAR WHERE THE
17 FEDERAL FUNDS CAME FROM. BUT THEN HE SAID PROVISIONS. WE HAVE
18 -- THE NEXT ITEM IS 31, I BELIEVE THAT -- OH, WE HAVE A SET
19 ITEM. LET'S BRING THE SET ITEM UP AT THIS POINT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THERE'S ONE ITEM THE ONE
22 THAT I HAD OUTSTANDING ON THAT CONTRACT. THEY DISCUSSED THE
23 LANGUAGE AND I THINK IT'S BEEN APPROVED, AND WE'VE ALREADY
24 TALKED TO THE LESSEE, AND THEY'VE APPROVED IT AS WELL, SO IF
25 WE CAN BRING IN THAT AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 1-D.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 1-D. ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK CARLOS --

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH THE LANGUAGE, THEY SHOULD ORGANIZE TO
11 FIND -- WHERE IS IT GOING TO -- IS IT REPLACING SOMETHING, OR
12 IS IT IN ADDITION TO DO YOU KNOW?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, HE'S GOT IT. OKAY, IS IT REPLACING ANY -
17 - THE LANGUAGE I SAW WAS FINE. IS IT REPLACING SOMETHING, OR
18 IS IT IN ADDITION TO?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES WHAT IT IS IS AN INSERT IN USES, SECTION 6, AND
21 I'D LIKE TO READ IT, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. LANDLORD AND TENANT
22 AGREE THAT THE DEVISED PREMISES TOGETHER WITH ALL
23 APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE USED BY ALMA FAMILY SERVICES,
24 ONLY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND
25 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE INITIAL 10 YEAR TERM



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1 AND FOR THE FIVE YEAR OPTIONS OF THE LEASE. ANY CHANGES TO
2 THIS SECTION WILL REQUIRE A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE
5 FIVE YEARS THAT I WAS READING BEFORE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THAT COMES OUT, WE WILL --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT COMES OUT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT AS AMENDED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY
20 OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE SET ITEM. I KNOW
25 THAT MR. LOTT HAS BEEN SITTING HERE A LONG TIME. WOULD YOU



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1 LIKE TO COME FORWARD, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND I KNOW THAT -
2 - MR. LOTT DO YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD? WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE
3 FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT? I'M GOING TO BE JUST ONE SECOND, COULD
4 YOU JUST TAKE IT JUST FOR A MOMENT, DON? OKAY I'M GOING TO BE
5 JUST A MINUTE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WHO HAS -- CAN I HAVE THE -- HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP
8 TO SPEAK ON THE -- MR. LOTT, DO YOU WANT TO STEP FORWARD
9 THERE?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE DO ADJOURNING MOTIONS WHILE HE'S
12 COMING UP?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
17 MEMORY TODAY OF HOWARD INGLEMAN, THE FATHER OF JOHN INGLEMAN,
18 A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. ROSALIND ROGERS, THE
19 MOTHER OF RON ROGERS, AND MOTHER-IN-LAW OF LISA SPECK. STANLEY
20 ROBERT SWONKIN, THE FATHER OF --

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE AS WELL TOO.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT ME ON THAT ONE TOO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. STANLEY ROBERT SWONKIN THE
2 FATHER OF MY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SCOTT SWONKIN. CANTOR
3 ISAAC BEHAR WHO WAS THE CANTOR AT THE SEPHARDIC TEMPLE ON
4 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD IN WEST LOS ANGELES, AN INSTITUTION IN THAT
5 COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT'S -- LET ME JUST BE SURE, I THINK
6 THAT'S IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. LOTT?

13

14 **JIM LOTT:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JIM
15 LOTT, I REPRESENT THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION
17 THAT WE UNDERSTAND MR. ANTONOVICH WILL BE BRINGING AS PART OF
18 THIS DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON DEALING WITH THE NURSE STAFFING
19 RATIOS AND THE IMPACT THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ON THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AND JUST FOR
21 THE RECORD, WE ARE SUPPORTING THAT. WE DO BELIEVE THAT A TRAIN
22 WRECK IS COMING JANUARY 1, WHEN THESE RATIOS GO INTO EFFECT,
23 UNTIL WE CAN FULLY ASSESS WHAT THOSE -- WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD
24 BE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE FOLLY TO WREAK THAT KIND OF HAVOC ON
25 OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION. OR OUR EMERGENCY



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1 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM. YOUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
2 COMMISSION LAST WEEK AND THE WEEK BEFORE THAT HELD A HEARING
3 AND A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THESE RATIOS AND THEY
4 HAVE ADVISED YOUR BOARD THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATIOS
5 WILL, IN FACT, BE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS COMMUNITY
6 UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND THE FULL IMPACT OF IT. THE RATIOS ARE THE
7 LAW, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE RATIOS CANNOT BE AMENDED TO BE
8 MORE WORKABLE, AND THAT IS SOMETHING OUR HOSPITAL COMMUNITY
9 WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN, AND WE WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU DO --
10 IF MR. ANTONOVICH BRINGS THAT MOTION FORWARD, THAT YOU DO
11 SUPPORT HIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU WANT ME TO READ THE MOTION?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS BEEN
18 WORKING TO RECRUIT THE NURSING STAFF NECESSARY TO MEET THE
19 JANUARY 1ST, 2004 IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 394.
20 IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FORECAST, THE DEPARTMENT NOTES ITS
21 EFFORTS TO RECRUIT NURSES TO COMPLY WITH THESE RATIOS HAS BEEN
22 HAMPERED BY THE CURRENT SHORTAGE NATION-WIDE OF NURSES, AND
23 THEY'VE BEEN UNABLE TO HIRE AS MANY AS THEY REQUIRE. WITH
24 CALIFORNIA'S NURSING SHORTAGE BEING THE WAY IT IS TODAY, IT
25 WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH THIS LAW. IT'S IMPERATIVE TO



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1 SEEK TEMPORARY RELIEF OF THE LEGISLATION TO AVOID IMPACTING
2 THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN COUNTY HOSPITALS WITH
3 SPECIALTY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY EMERGENCY ROOMS AND TRAUMA
4 CENTERS. IF NURSES CANNOT BE HIRED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO MEET
5 THE NEW NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO. LAST MONDAY, GOVERNOR
6 SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SUSPEND PROPOSED
7 STATE REGULATIONS AND CALLED FOR THE REVIEW OF ALL REGULATIONS
8 ADOPTED, AMENDED, AND REPEALED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER
9 IT'S UNCLEAR IF THE NEW NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO IS BEING
10 REVIEWED. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF
11 HEALTH SERVICES TO REPORT BY DECEMBER 15TH ON ITS ACTION PLAN
12 TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH AB-394 AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
13 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
14 GOVERNOR SEEKING TEMPORARY REGULATORY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE
15 RELIEF FOR THE STAFFING MANDATES UNTIL THE IMPACT ON CAPACITY
16 IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD ON AB-394'S NURSE-TO-STAFF RATIOS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT. MIKE, I HAVE A QUESTION OF THE
21 C.A.O.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH UH-HUH.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS SORT OF SEPARATE FROM THE
2 MOTION, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE C.A.O. OR THE DIRECTOR OF
3 THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSING ANY ISSUES HERE UNDER
4 S-1. BUT MY CONCERN CONTINUES TO BE AND WHATEVER REPORT COMES
5 BACK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT THE, YOU KNOW, THE ADDITIONAL
6 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE THAT -- AS A RESULT OF BOOK CLOSING WAS
7 ABOUT 263 MILLION. AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT WAS
8 NOT COUNTED WAS ANOTHER 105, AND THEN THE NEW REVENUE BEING
9 REPORTED TODAY IS -- WELL THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY NOT ANTICIPATED
10 IS 56 FOR A TOTAL OF 424. AND, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S ONE TIME
11 OR NOT, THE FACT ISN'T MATERIALIZED AFTER, YOU KNOW, THE BOARD
12 ADOPTED SCENARIO NUMBER THREE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, HOW WE DEAL
13 WITH THAT OR WHAT KIND OF POSITION THAT PUTS US IN ON SOME OF
14 THESE OTHER ISSUES, I'D CERTAINLY LIKE INTERTWINED SOMEHOW SO
15 YOU COME BACK, WHETHER IT'S THE NURSING STAFFING ISSUE, OR
16 OTHER ISSUES YOU FACE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO DO
19 THAT. ESSENTIALLY THE FORECAST INDICATES THAT THE PROBLEM THAT
20 WE STARTED ADDRESSING A YEAR AND A HALF AGO IS TWO YEARS
21 FURTHER OUT THAN IT WAS WHEN WE STARTED. THE SCENARIO 3-2
22 DECISION WAS A \$709 MILLION CLIFF IN '05/'06. THAT CLIFF IS
23 NOW \$724 MILLION IN '06/'07, SO IT LITERALLY HAS MOVED TWO
24 YEARS, IT HASN'T GONE AWAY, EVEN WITH ALL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS
25 THAT HAVE HAPPENED, EVEN WITH THE REDUCTIONS THE BOARD HAS



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1 MADE, IT'S ALMOST LIKE QUICKSAND. THE HARDER YOU TRY, THE MORE
2 DECISIONS YOU MAKE, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE MAKING A YEAR OR TWO
3 PROGRESS, BUT I THINK THOSE ARE VERY LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS AND
4 WE WILL ADDRESS THAT WHEN WE COME BACK ON THE --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S THESE NUMBERS HERE AND JUST PUSHED IT
7 OUT FARTHER?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT, TWO YEARS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'LL ADDRESS IT?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS FOR NOW OR IS THIS FOR NEXT WEEK?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THIS FOR NEXT WEEK OR THIS IS ON -- IT'S
20 ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT ASKING THE GOVERNOR TO, I MEAN ASKING
23 THE GOVERNOR TO SUSPEND IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TODAY, AND I
24 WOULD IMAGINE --

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO S-1 IS, THAT'S WHAT THE -- MR. LOTT WAS
2 RELATING.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** S-1, WELL COUNTY COUNSEL IS THERE --

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WHAT DID S-1, WHAT DID S-1 SAY?

7

8 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** S-1 IS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
9 THE DEPARTMENT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE MOTION;
12 I JUST THINK WE'LL BE CRITICIZED TO NO END BY SOME FOLKS WHO -
13 - NURSES, FOR ONE, WHO MAY WANT TO COME DOWN HERE AND TESTIFY,
14 AND -- HUH? AND THEY WOULD HAVE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER TO NEXT TUESDAY?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST THE SECOND PART OF MR. ANTONOVICH'S
19 MOTION. AND AGAIN, I'M NOT DIFFERING FROM IT, I JUST AS A
20 PROCESS ISSUE AND FIRST PART IS FINE, BUT THE SECOND PART I
21 THINK WE HAVE TO PUT IT OVER.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NURSES HAVE BEEN VERY VOCAL ON THIS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE? YEAH, THEY HAVE. THERE WAS AN
2 E.M.S. COMMISSION MEETING HERE A WEEK OR TWO AGO, AND THEY
3 WERE HERE. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED ME TO --

4

5 **C.A.O.:** I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH OKAY, ANYWAY, I JUST RAISED IT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER FOR
10 ONE WEEK?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH DOES COUNTY COUNSEL BELIEVE WE CAN VOTE ON
13 IT TODAY? CAN VOTE ON THAT TODAY?

14

15 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH I BELIEVE YOU CAN VOTE
16 ON IT BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUSLY RELATED TO THE BUDGET, THAT
17 DOESN'T ADDRESS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S CONCERNS ABOUT GIVING
18 THE PUBLIC THE ABILITY TO SPEAK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** PARTICULARLY THE NURSES.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH WE WILL HAVE --

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, I MEAN THE ASSEMBLY IS NOT MEETING
25 THE REST OF THIS WEEK, THEY'RE GONE, THANKSGIVING. I THINK IT



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1 CAN WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY AND STILL HAVE AN IMPACT, IT SEEMS TO
2 ME.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WELL I THINK WHAT ZEV WAS SAYING, WE CAN ACT
5 ON THE FIRST PART.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY ACT ON THE FIRST PART, CONTINUE THE
10 SECOND PART.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, AND THEN THE SECOND PART --

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE WEEK.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOUR BOARD I THINK OPPOSED THE BILL WHEN IT
17 WAS GOING THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE IS MY RECOLLECTION, THE
18 NURSE/STAFF RATIO.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE DID.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK YOU DID.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO IT'S MOVED THAT THE FIRST
25 PART -- MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE FIRST PART BE ADOPTED AND



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1 THE REMAINDER BE PUT OVER FOR ONE WEEK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
2 ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU DOUBLE-CHECK AND SEE IF WE DID
5 OPPOSE THAT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M PRETTY SURE WE DID.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M PRETTY SURE WE DID BUT I WILL --

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAD NO CAPACITY TO ACTUALLY MEET IT AT
12 THE TIME WE KNEW THAT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH I HAD ONE OTHER ADJOURNING MOTION I --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU HAVE AN ITEM.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RACHEL RATNER, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF FRAN
19 KAUFMAN, MOTHER-IN-LAW OF NEIL KAUFMAN.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE AS WELL.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH THANKS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. NEIL WAS
24 MY APPOINTEE TO THE PROP 10 COMMISSION. SHE PASSED AWAY OVER
25 THE WEEKEND. SO THAT'S TAKES CARE OF MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.



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1 WAS I HOLDING AN ITEM? WHICH ONE WAS I -- WHICH ONE DO YOU
2 THINK I WAS HOLDING? I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING,
3 YVONNE.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, ACTUALLY, YOU HAVE AN ITEM. ITEM 31.
6 DID WE TAKE UP 31? WE HAVEN'T TAKEN UP 31.

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8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU DIDN'T HOLD IT. IT WAS JUST A REQUEST
9 ORIGINALLY, AND IT'S A REPORT TO THE BOARD AS A SEPARATE
10 MATTER.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET'S TAKE IT UP. MR. FULLINWIDER --
13 THERE HE IS. OKAY.

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15 **JON FULLINWIDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
16 BOARD. I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE WE ARE
17 WITH THE SIERRA SYSTEM'S IMPLEMENTATION OF A H.I.P.A.A.
18 COMPLIANT SYSTEM SUPPORTING THE TRANSACTION CODE SETS. BY WAY
19 OF BACKGROUND, THIS PROJECT WAS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OCTOBER
20 16TH, WHICH WAS THE FEDERALLY MANDATED DATE. OCTOBER 16TH
21 CAME. WE HAD NOTIFIED THE BOARD PROBABLY FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS
22 PRIOR TO THAT THAT THE SYSTEM WAS ON TIME AND EVERYTHING
23 LOOKED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR A PRODUCTION IMPLEMENTATION. ON
24 OCTOBER 16TH, THE SYSTEM DID NOT COME UP, THEY THOUGHT THERE
25 WERE SOME MINOR PROBLEMS WITH IT, AND THE SYSTEM WAS THEN



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1 SCHEDULED TO COME UP ON OCTOBER 20TH. IT DID NOT COME UP ON
2 THE 20TH, AND AFTER THAT, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THERE WERE
3 SOME RATHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WITH THE SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM'S
4 NOT BEEN TESTED, MAJOR FUNCTIONALITY WAS MISSING, ET CETERA.
5 WE NOTIFIED YOUR BOARD THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES. I THINK
6 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I JUST KIND OF SET A GROUND RULE RIGHT
7 HERE. ALTHOUGH WE MISSED THE OCTOBER 16TH DATE, THERE IS NO
8 IMPACT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DUE TO THE FEDERAL
9 REGULATIONS. THE FEDS HAVE BACKED OFF ON THEIR DATE FROM THE
10 STANDPOINT THAT THEY WERE NOT READY TO IMPLEMENT THE
11 H.I.P.A.A. TRANSACTION CODE SETS, THE STATE WAS NOT READY TO
12 IMPLEMENT TRANSACTION CODE SETS, NOR WERE MANY OF THE
13 PROVIDERS. SO WE HAVE DISPENSATION IN THAT PARTICULAR CASE.
14 HOWEVER, WE DID HAVE A CONTRACT IN PLACE THAT REQUIRED SIERRA
15 SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE US A FUNCTIONING SYSTEM BY OCTOBER 16TH. I
16 WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE WITH THE MOTION MR. YAROSLAVSKY BROUGHT
17 FORWARD BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE WANTED TO SEND A
18 MESSAGE TO SIERRA SYSTEMS THAT BASICALLY SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO
19 HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE. YOU WERE CONTRACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
20 DEVELOPING THIS SYSTEM, FOR DELIVERING IT, THESE WERE YOUR
21 DATES, THESE WEREN'T OUR DATES ET CETERA. YOU BASICALLY KEPT
22 TELLING US THAT THINGS WERE GOING ALONG VERY SMOOTHLY. TO FIND
23 OUT LITERALLY AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR THEY WERE NOT.' SUBSEQUENT
24 TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION, SIERRA HAS PROVIDED US WITH A
25 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. WE HAVE REVIEWED THAT PLAN, WE



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1 PROVIDED A COPY TO YOUR BOARD ON THE 18TH. IT APPEARED TO, I
2 MEAN, FROM OUR EXPECTATIONS, ET CETERA, TO REFLECT THE
3 NECESSARY TASKS TO GET THE PROJECT BACK ON TRACK, AND, IN
4 FACT, THEY DID BRING UP THE FEE FOR SERVICE FUNCTIONALITY AS
5 THE PLAN IDENTIFIED ON THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER, SO THAT FUNCTION
6 IS UP AND OPERATIONAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND IS BEING
7 OPERATED UNDER THE MAINTENANCE PROVISION OF THE CONTRACT.
8 HOWEVER, THEY ALSO NOTIFIED US THAT THE NEXT MAJOR COMPONENT
9 THAT WAS TO BE DELIVERED SEPTEMBER -- EXCUSE ME, DECEMBER
10 15TH, WOULD NOT BE DELIVERED ON THE 15TH, THAT THEY
11 UNDERESTIMATED THE TASKS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS. AND AGAIN,
12 THIS WAS A TASK THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THE 16TH OF
13 OCTOBER. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE COMPLETED ON DECEMBER 15TH,
14 THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO SLIP THAT DATE TO JANUARY 24TH, 2004.
15 THE PHARMACY COMPONENT, WHICH THEIR REVISED SCHEDULE SAID
16 WOULD BE UP ON JANUARY 5TH, IS STILL SCHEDULED TO BE AVAILABLE
17 ON THE 5TH AND THEY FEEL CONFIDENT THEY CAN ACHIEVE THAT DATE.
18 IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION, REPRESENTING BOTH MY OFFICE AS WELL
19 AS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT IF THEY MISS THE DECEMBER
20 15TH DATE FOR THE SHORT DOYLE OPTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THOSE
21 PROVIDERS, THAT WE BEGIN TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT LIQUIDATED
22 DAMAGES TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT, WHICH IS \$2,000 A DAY, NOT TO
23 EXCEED \$60,000, SO BASICALLY FOR 30 DAYS. IF THAT DATE IS
24 TRULY THE 24TH, WE WILL CERTAINLY EXCEED THAT. THE NEXT THING
25 I WOULD RECOMMEND IS THAT CURRENTLY THE BOARD HAS TAKEN THE



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1 POSITION THAT WE WOULD NOT EXTEND ANY NEW CONTRACTS WITH
2 SIERRA SYSTEMS AND CERTAINLY NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL
3 COUNTY WORK. SIERRA SYSTEMS DOES ENJOY SEVERAL CONTRACTS WITH
4 THE COUNTY, TWO CONTRACTS ARE COMING UP FOR RENEWAL, ONE IN
5 HEALTH SERVICES AND ONE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WILL
6 EXPIRE PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. IT IS MY
7 RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BOARD THAT WE ALLOW THOSE CONTRACTS TO
8 BE EXTENDED. THEY'RE SUSTAINING MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES SUBJECT
9 TO NORMAL CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT RULES. HOWEVER, THAT NO
10 NEW WORK, DELTA NEW WORK BE PROVIDED TO SIERRA SYSTEMS UNTIL
11 THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 MENTAL HEALTH.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ARE YOU ASKING US TO TAKE AN ACTION
15 TODAY?

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17 **JON FULLINWIDER:** YES I AM, I'M ASKING YOU BASICALLY TO ALLOW
18 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH -- EXCUSE ME, AND
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO EXTEND THEIR CONTRACTS,
20 THEY'LL COME FORWARD WITH THE BOARD MOTION ON THAT, BUT TO
21 ALLOW US BASICALLY TO CONTINUE WORK WITH SIERRA SYSTEMS FOR
22 ALL SUSTAINING ACTIVITIES SET FORTH WHERE WE CURRENTLY HAVE
23 CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY, BUT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING ANY
24 ADDITIONAL WORK WITH SIERRA SYSTEMS, NEW WORK, UNTIL THIS
25 PROJECT IS COMPLETED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D ALSO MOVE IT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.

5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **JON FULLINWIDER:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF
12 ALL, TODAY, I'D MOVE WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT FIRST
13 CLASS KELLY MARTIN BOLOR. HE'S A WHITTIER RESIDENT AND A
14 PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
15 WORKS, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN IRAQ ON SATURDAY,
16 NOVEMBER 15TH. KELLY WAS AN EIGHT-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND IS
17 REMEMBERED AS A CARING CO-WORKER WHO ALWAYS WORKED HARD AND
18 WAS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND. KELLY WAS ASKED TO SERVE A
19 HIGHER PURPOSE ON JANUARY 16TH WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE
20 DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE
21 SERVICE FOR HIS PARTICULAR DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE IN ORDER
22 THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO LIVE HERE IN FREEDOM. HE'S SURVIVED BY
23 HIS WIFE KELLY AND SON KYLE, I WOULD ASK -- ALSO ASK THAT ALL
24 MEMBERS BE ON THIS ADJOURNMENT AND THAT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
25 LOWER THEIR COUNTY FLAGS TO HALF STAFF ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER



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1 26TH, TO HONOR THE SERVICE KELLY GAVE ON THE DAY OF HIS
2 FUNERAL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY FERRIN, A LONG
7 TIME LOMITA RESIDENT AND SERVED AS A CHARTER CITY COUNCIL
8 MEMBER AND WAS THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LOMITA HARBOR CITY
9 LIONS CLUB AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER. ALSO THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR GOLPHENEE, A RETIRED FIREMAN OF 35
11 YEARS OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY
12 HIS WIFE REBA, SON GERALD, DAUGHTERS LONA, LORNA EXCUSE ME,
13 AND CHRISTIE, AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
14 AND SISTERS HAZEL AND DOLORES. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
15 OF RAMON GUTIERREZ, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH
16 DISTRICT. HE HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A MEMBER OF THE
17 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND HE IS THE UNCLE OF OUR C.A.O.
18 PHOTOGRAPHER, RALPH TERRAZAS. IN ADDITION, HE IS SURVIVED BY
19 HIS WIFE LUPE AND THEIR CHILDREN.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARMEN JONES, A
2 RESIDENT OF MONTEREY PARK AND MOTHER OF MRS. LENA JONES-PEREZ,
3 C.A.O. EMPLOYEE, PASSED AWAY FRIDAY AFTER A VERY LONG-TERM
4 ILLNESS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA SCULLY, A
5 RETIRED U.S. POSTAL WORKER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS, BILL,
6 JACK, AND MIKE, DAUGHTER DEBBIE. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
7 HER LOVING HUSBAND, BILL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
8 KENNETH VAN DOREN, A LONG TIME BELLFLOWER RESIDENT. BEFORE HIS
9 RETIREMENT HE WORKED FOR THE HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT
10 FOR MANY YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE THELMA, SON KEITH,
11 DAUGHTER RHONDA, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, KENNY AND TRACY. ALSO
12 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILBUR ANDREWS, A LONG-TIME
13 RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH AND A 40-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF NORTH
14 AMERICAN ROCKWELL. AND HE WAS ALSO A TRUSTEE OF THE SOUTH BAY
15 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VERY INVOLVED IN YOUTH
16 ACTIVITIES. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE MOTION TO READ IN FOR NEXT
21 WEEK. LAST WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES LEARNED
22 THAT SEVEN PATIENTS AT TWO DIALYSIS CENTERS OWNED BY THE SAME
23 OPERATOR, ONE IN NORWALK AND ONE IN WEST COVINA, WERE
24 HOSPITALIZED WITH INFECTIONS APPARENTLY ACQUIRED THROUGH THEIR
25 DIALYSIS TREATMENT. THE COUNTY'S ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE



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1 CONTROL AND HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING UNITS ARE WORKING TO
2 PINPOINT THE ROOT CAUSE AND ENSURE THAT OTHER DIALYSIS
3 PATIENTS ARE NOT INFECTED. HOWEVER, IT IS TROUBLING, THE
4 INITIAL CASE DATES BACK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, YET D.H.S. WAS NOT
5 NOTIFIED OF THIS DISEASE CLUSTER UNTIL NOVEMBER 19TH. FURTHER
6 IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS NOTIFICATION WAS AN OFFICIAL ONE OR
7 WHETHER A CONCERNED EMPLOYEE OF THE DIALYSIS CENTERS TOOK IT
8 UPON THEMSELVES TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT
9 HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF DISEASE CLUSTERS
10 AND OUTBREAKS SO THAT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IS PROTECTED.
11 REPUTABLE HEALTH PROVIDERS SHOULD HAVE NO REASON TO HIDE
12 REPORTABLE INCIDENTS, CLUSTERS OF DISEASE AND OTHER OUTBREAKS
13 FROM THE COUNTY, AND THIS PRACTICE NOT BE TOLERATED. I THINK
14 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ASSURE THAT HEALTH PROVIDERS ARE
15 PROPERLY INFORMED OF THEIR REPORTING DUTIES. I THEREFORE MOVE
16 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF
17 PUBLIC HEALTH ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS
18 ON WAYS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN DISEASE REPORTING PROCEDURES
19 AND REQUIREMENTS. IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH HERSHOW, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
4 NOVEMBER 23RD. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND HY, AND HER DAUGHTER
5 MARVA, AND JEFFREY HER SON AND SHARON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND
6 HEATHER, GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE WAS A FAMILY FRIEND, A VERY CLOSE
7 FRIEND. HER PASSIONS WERE DANCING, TENNIS, AND VOLUNTEERING AT
8 CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL. AND SHE AND HER FAMILY CELEBRATED
9 CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH US EVERY YEAR FOR ABOUT THE PAST 30
10 YEARS. AND SHE AND HER HUSBAND HY IS PART OF THE FAMILY. ALSO
11 IN MEMORY OF HOWARD HAWKINS, WHO WAS A -- SERVED AS EIGHT
12 YEARS AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF COVINA, HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF
13 THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
14 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT DURING THE '70S AND '80S AND A
15 MEMBER OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL WATER BOARD. BONNIE JEAN DAY,
16 WHO WAS CO-OWNER OF GRIFFITH PARK REALTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE
17 BURBANK BOARD OF REALTORS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. JAMES
18 SKALICKY, HE SERVED ON THE WEST SIDE SCHOOL BOARD FOR 16 YEARS
19 AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DESIGNING THE JILL WALKER JUNIOR HIGH
20 SCHOOL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE THE CAFETERIA IS NAMED IN
21 HIS HONOR. STELLA PIELECH, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER,
22 WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
23 SERVICES FOR 15 YEARS AND RETIRED IN 1994. AND ONE OF THE
24 GREAT BASEBALL PITCHERS, WARREN SPAHN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
25 AGE OF 82 AND HE HAS WON THE MOST GAMES OF ANY LEFT-HANDER IN



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1 BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE HISTORY, WITH 363 GAMES. AND ONE OF MY
2 HEROES WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. HE WAS ALSO -- FOUGHT IN THE
3 BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED A BRONZE STAR AND
4 PURPLE HEART, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. IN HIS LONG
5 CAREER, HE WON 20 GAMES OR MORE 13 TIMES. THAT WAS IN THE
6 TIMES WHEN THE STARTING PITCHER USUALLY ENDED THE GAME AND
7 DIDN'T WORK FOR FIVE OR SIX INNINGS AND THEN RETIRED. HE LED
8 THE LEAGUE IN STRIKEOUTS THREE TIMES, PITCHED TWO NO-HITTERS,
9 WON FOUR WORLD SERIES GAMES IN THE 1957 CY YOUNG AWARD. HE IS
10 SURVIVED BY HIS SON, GREGORY. RUTH NEWHALL, WHO WITH HER LATE
11 HUSBAND SCOTT, BOUGHT THE NEWHALL SIGNAL NEWSPAPER IN 1963,
12 WHERE SHE WAS THE EDITOR. SHE WAS ALSO THE FOUNDING MEMBER AND
13 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
14 AND HAD VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HEALTH
15 CENTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, AND SHE WAS ALSO AN
16 AUTHOR OF SEVERAL NONFICTION BOOKS. DERALD ETHERTON, A LONG
17 TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT, AND DANA KEITH FINCHER, WHO WAS
18 ALSO FROM THE QUARTZ HILL AREA IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HE WAS
19 A CERTIFIED MASTER SCUBA DIVER AND INSTRUCTOR. SO WE ADJOURN
20 IN THEIR MEMORY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FOR NEXT WEEK, ON NOVEMBER 20TH, THE
25 PASADENA STAR NEWS REPORTED DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS AT THE



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1 PASADENA SUPERIOR COURT. A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT THE
2 COURTHOUSE ARE EXPECTING -- ARE EXPERIENCING HEALTH PROBLEMS
3 RESULTING FROM THE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AT THE COURT. THERE ARE
4 ALSO ALLEGATIONS OF CEILING TILES DROPPING ONTO DESK TOPS
5 ALONG WITH THE PRESENCE OF SOOT AND ASBESTOS. ACCORDING TO THE
6 STAFF AT THE I.E.S.D., THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE COURT,
7 THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS, SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE
8 BOARD DIRECT THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE
9 C.A.O. AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY UNIT, THE
10 PASADENA HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
11 AND REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND
12 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, AND ALSO WORK WITH THE IMPACTED
13 DEPARTMENTS AT THE COURTHOUSE TO ENSURE THAT PROPER REPORTING
14 PROTOCOLS ARE IN SAFE -- ARE IN PLACE FOR APPROPRIATE
15 PERSONNEL TO BE NOTIFIED OF UNSAFE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR NEXT WEEK.

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21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, IF YOU WANT, THE
22 COUNSEL'S NOT HERE, WE ARE ALREADY DOING THIS. SO IF YOU WANT
23 TO GO AHEAD AND ACT TODAY, THEN WE CAN REPORT BACK.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO MOVE THAT? MOVED AND
2 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? DO YOU HAVE
7 ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?
8 ADJOURNMENTS? I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS, I MIGHT HAVE HELD ONE OF
9 THE ITEMS, THE LIBRARY ITEMS, AND ITEM 28, WE DON'T -- WE
10 WOULD LIKE TO LET IT GO, I MEAN WE DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT OR
11 QUESTIONS.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED
14 BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION ITEM 28 IS APPROVED. ALL
15 RIGHT, YES, UH-HUH, ALL RIGHT MR. -- YES MR. JANSSEN IS GOING
16 TO --

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH MADAM CHAIR ON ITEM A-2 WHICH WE PUT ON
19 THE AGENDA LAST YEAR TO DEAL WITH THE BUDGET CRISIS, I ASKED
20 THAT IT BE HELD TODAY JUST NOT -- I DON'T HAVE A NEW REPORT
21 BUT THE REPORT THAT WE GAVE YOU ON FRIDAY ABOUT THE CONDITION
22 OF THE BUDGET IN SACRAMENTO I THINK DESERVES A LITTLE BIT MORE
23 PUBLIC ATTENTION AND PROBABLY ON A REGULAR BASIS, WE'LL BE
24 TALKING MORE ON THIS ITEM ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO.
25 IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK AND ONE DAY SINCE



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1 WE'VE HAD A NEW GOVERNOR, BUT A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN
2 THAT HAS A POTENTIAL DEVASTATING EFFECT TO L.A. COUNTY'S
3 BUDGET. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK,
4 VERIFIED THAT THE CONDITION OF THE STATE BUDGET IS BLEAK, AS
5 THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR HAD STATED, AND THE SHORTFALL FOR NEXT
6 YEAR IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$10 BILLION. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIONS
7 -- THE FIRST ACTION OF THE GOVERNOR WAS TO REINSTATE THE
8 GENERAL FUND OFFSET FOR THE VEHICLE OWNERS CAR TAX, IF YOU
9 WILL, WHICH CREATED AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE \$3.6 BILLION SHORTFALL
10 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PLACE AN
11 EXACT NUMBER ON WHAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT MAY BE BECAUSE WE'RE
12 TALKING NOW ABOUT REBATES TO CAR OWNERS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A
13 GAP OF THREE MONTHS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, WHERE LOCAL
14 GOVERNMENT DID NOT RECEIVE FUNDS AND THEN A QUESTION ABOUT
15 WHEN THEY ACTUALLY STOPPED COLLECTING THE INCREASED AMOUNT.
16 AND WE HEARD YESTERDAY THAT THE STATE CONTROLLER MAY, IN FACT,
17 WITHHOLD PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY, SO THE
18 IMPACT COULD BE EVEN MORE IMMEDIATE THAN THAT. BUT FOR LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY, WE WILL LOSE -- ARE LOSING TODAY, SINCE THERE
20 IS NO BACKFILL, \$60 MILLION A MONTH, OR, TO MAKE IT SIMPLE, \$2
21 MILLION A DAY, WE LOSE IN REVENUE AS A RESULT OF THE REPEAL OF
22 THE CAR TAX. THERE IS A BILL THAT SENATOR BRUELTY INTRODUCED,
23 SB-1, IN THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION TO APPROPRIATE \$3.6 BILLION
24 THAT WOULD, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
25 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE ALL HAVING IS FULLY



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1 UNDERSTANDING EXACTLY WHAT THE DETAILS ARE AND THE NUMBERS
2 THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN SACRAMENTO. FOR THE CURRENT
3 YEAR, THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING A \$15 BILLION DEFICIT BOND. WE
4 ARE ASSUMING THAT 13 BILLION OF THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE
5 CURRENT YEAR DEFICIT BOND PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE HAVING AND
6 THAT WOULD LEAVE TWO BILLION FOR OTHER PURPOSES, BUT THERE'S
7 NO DETAIL EXACTLY ON WHAT THAT 15 BILLION WOULD BE FOR. THE
8 GOVERNOR HAS ALSO STATED THAT HE WANTS A SPENDING CAP AS PART
9 OF THE MARCH 5TH BALLOT, ITEM FOR THE \$15 BILLION. TODAY, THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RELEASED FOR THE FIRST TIME THEIR
11 RECOMMENDED CUTS. AND WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IT. WE
12 RECEIVED THEM THIS MORNING AS WE WERE SITTING HERE. AND JUST
13 AS AN INDICATION, I THINK, TO ALL OF US AND TO THE STATE AS TO
14 HOW DIFFICULT IT'S GOING TO BE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, THE CUTS
15 THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED, A FEW OF THEM, AN ADDITIONAL 10%
16 REDUCTION FOR MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS ON TOP OF THE 5% THAT'S
17 ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED, \$400 MILLION SAVINGS. ELIMINATE NON-
18 CORE REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES, THESE ARE FOR THE DISABLED. THE
19 PROPOSAL WOULD PROHIBIT REGIONAL CENTERS FROM PAYING FOR
20 CAMPING EXPENSES SUCH AS CAMP FEES, OR TRAVEL EXPENSES
21 ASSOCIATED WITH CAMP ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL RECREATIONAL
22 ACTIVITIES, NON-MEDICAL THERAPY, SUCH AS MUSIC, ART,
23 EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, AND RESPITE, A SAVINGS OF \$161 MILLION
24 NEXT YEAR. ELIMINATE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RESIDUAL
25 PROGRAM, ELIMINATE THE STATE-ONLY PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES



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1 CERTAIN SERVICES, SUCH AS HEAVY CLEANING, TRANSPORTATION, NON-
2 MEDICAL PERSONNEL, CARE AND RESPITE SERVICES. 176 -- \$322
3 MILLION NEXT YEAR. REDUCE THE CALWORKS GRANT, 5% REDUCTION,
4 \$175 MILLION. AND WE BELIEVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HEALTH
5 DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE PROPOSING TO CAP ENROLLMENT INTO HEALTHY
6 FAMILIES, A.I.D.S. DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, STATE HOSPITALS,
7 REHAB PROGRAMS, GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM, AND
8 DEVELOP A WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES WHEN THE CAP IS REACHED.
9 THOSE WILL SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 78 MILLION. THOSE AND OTHER CUTS
10 WILL SAVE \$1.9 BILLION NEXT YEAR. THE DEFICIT NEXT YEAR IS \$14
11 BILLION. SO THAT IT GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF HOW DIFFICULT THE
12 TASK IS THAT THEY'RE FACING. AND PART OF THAT 1.9, 1.6 THIS
13 YEAR IS THEY'RE PROPOSING A \$475 MILLION ADDITIONAL LOAN FROM
14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE V.L.F., WHICH IS WHY NOW THE BRUELTY
15 BILL, SENATOR BRUELTY IT'S NOT CLEAR ANYMORE EXACTLY WHAT HIS
16 BILL IS FOR, BECAUSE 475 MILLION, THEY ARE TELLING US THEY ARE
17 NOT GOING TO REIMBURSE US. FOR L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD BE IN THE
18 NEIGHBORHOOD OF 80 TO \$85 MILLION, WHICH IS BETTER THAN \$420
19 MILLION, EVERYTHING'S RELATIVE, BUT THESE ARE THE KINDS OF
20 ACTIONS THAT THEY'RE CONSIDERING NOW IN SPECIAL SESSION IN
21 SACRAMENTO ON AN ONGOING BASIS. IT IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY
22 DIFFICULT TIME FOR THEM. \$2 MILLION A MONTH LOSS FOR L.A.
23 COUNTY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN SUSTAIN. WE ALREADY SPENT
24 160 MILLION OF OUR RESERVES FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS
25 YEAR, AND IF THE RESULT IS, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE



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1 AT SOME POINT HOW LONG WE WAIT BEFORE WE START MAKING
2 REDUCTIONS, AND REDUCTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY GO TO DISCRETIONARY
3 PROGRAMS. ALL BUT 8% OF OUR BUDGET IS LOCKED INTO SPECIFIC
4 REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE OF EFFORTS, MATCHING REQUIREMENTS,
5 ET CETERA. THE DISCRETIONARY MONEY IS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
6 PROBATION, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PARKS, LIBRARIES, THE USUAL
7 SUSPECTS, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 1.4
8 BILLION AVAILABLE IN THAT AREA. SO THIS IS JUST TO HEIGHTEN A
9 LITTLE BIT THE CONCERN ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO.
10 THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM THAT THEY'RE FACING AND WE'RE FACING AND
11 WE'LL BE REPORTING REGULARLY TO THE BOARD ON THAT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? ALL
14 RIGHT, HMM, WE CAN START PUBLIC COMMENT?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE DOING THE HEALTH? WHAT HAPPENED TO
17 HEALTH? WE DID THE HEALTH ITEM?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SPECIAL, WE DID DO THE WHOLE TOO? DID WE
22 DO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ALREADY?

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT THAT THE S-1 WAS WHAT HE AMENDED
25 TO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH BUT WE NEVER GOT A REPORT FROM OUR
3 STAFF.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO GET A REPORT FROM
8 GARTHWAITE AND COMPANY.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS HERE AT THE TIME, YEAH.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT WAS --

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE WERE DOING -- THAT'S WHY WE HAD
15 THE MOTION.

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17 **SUP. YARO:** YEAH, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING -- 'CAUSE I
18 WANTED -- I HAD SOME QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK HIM.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, UH-HUH.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANTT TO PUT IT OVER TO NEXT WEEK OR?

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. COME RIGHT -- NO GO ON, LET'S DO IT
25 RIGHT NOW. YEAH, MERRITT HOLLOWAY'S IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU



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1 DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT, SIT DOWN, YOU CAN'T LEAVE. YOU WANT
2 TO HEAR SOME FREE SPEECH. WE WANT TO HEAR THE FREE SPEECH. GO
3 RIGHT AHEAD. OKAY.

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5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD, WE'VE PROVIDED YOU WITH A WRITTEN UPDATE OF OUR BUDGET.
7 IN ESSENCE, WE ARE A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN THE LAST TIME WE
8 REPORTED, BY ABOUT \$56 MILLION. HOWEVER, AS I THINK THE CHIEF
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JUST IMPRESSED UPON YOU, THERE ARE MANY
10 THINGS ON THE BUDGETARY HORIZON THAT DON'T GIVE US ANY GREAT
11 STRENGTH THAT THAT MODEST AMOUNT WON'T BE EATEN UP BY A
12 VARIETY OF OTHER POLICY AND THESE OTHER DECISIONS. WE'VE ALSO
13 INCLUDED IN THIS OUTLOOK AN ATTACHMENT WHICH DESCRIBES SEVERAL
14 LARGE AND UNDECIDED ISSUES THAT COULD SAFELY IMPACT OUR BUDGET
15 TO THE TUNE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1.6 BILLION BETWEEN NOW AND
16 2007, 2008. SO, OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS, I WANT TO ASK
19 YOU AND FRED, IF FRED IS AROUND, I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S STILL
20 HERE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH HE'S HERE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- I WANT TO GET A SENSE ON THIS, IN
2 THE PROGRESS OF SCENARIO THREE THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT,
3 THE CUTS THAT WERE DESIGNED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS TO
4 BRING US AS CLOSE TO BALANCE AS POSSIBLE. YOU HAD COMMITTED,
5 THE DEPARTMENT HAD COMMITTED TO \$357 MILLION IN SAVINGS FOR --
6 BY '05/'06 WITH PROGRESS STARTING LAST FISCAL YEAR. SOME OF
7 THE CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND SOME HAVE BEEN LEGALLY ENJOINED,
8 SUCH AS RANCHO AND THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. CUTS. I'M INTERESTED
9 IN KNOWING WHERE WE ARE ON THE REST OF THE CUTS AND WHAT THE
10 PROGRESS IS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE WERE
11 TALKING ABOUT CUTTING WAS PSYCH SERVICES FOR A SAVINGS OF \$20
12 MILLION. THE ORIGINAL GOAL WAS FOR \$20 FOR '03/'04, AND IT WAS
13 REVISED DOWN A BIT IN SEPTEMBER. WHERE ARE WE ON THAT?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND THE REASONS
17 WHY THEY BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO CUT OUR FUNDING.
18 MOST OF THE \$20 MILLION THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE -- OR 20
19 MILLION OR SO THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IS RELATED TO CUTS THEY'RE
20 MAKING IN THE RATE OF THEIR PAYMENTS TO US. THEY FEEL THEY'RE
21 JUSTIFIED IN MAKING SOME OF THOSE CUTS BECAUSE THEY SAY WE
22 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DAYS, OF PATIENTS
23 IN THE HOSPITAL, IF THEIR LENGTH OF STAY IS TOO LONG, AND THAT
24 THEY WANT TO BRING OUR COSTS CLOSER TO OTHER -- THE RATES THAT
25 THEY'RE PAYING AND OTHER PROVIDERS, NON-COUNTY PROVIDERS. OUR



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1 -- WE GO BACK -- WHEN WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS, WE TELL THEM THAT
2 WE BELIEVE THE LENGTHS OF STAY ARE LONGER BECAUSE THEY CONTROL
3 THE EXIT INTO LOCKED BEDS, IN PART ALSO, WE'RE MORE EXPENSIVE
4 BECAUSE WE RUN A VERY LARGE TRAINING PROGRAM AND WE ALSO
5 BELIEVE WE'RE MORE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE WE THINK WE GET THE
6 SICKER AND MORE DIFFICULT TO CARE FOR PATIENTS. WE CONTINUE TO
7 PULL DATA EXTRACTS AND DISCUSS THOSE TWO ISSUES, BUT IN THE
8 END, IF WE CAN'T COME TO SOME RESOLUTION, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY
9 US MORE, WE'RE SORT OF AT AN IMPASSE UNLESS WE DECIDE TO GET
10 OUT OF THE PSYCH BUSINESS, WHICH I'M NOT SURE IS -- IT MAKES
11 SENSE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR PROJECTION ON WHETHER WE'RE
14 GOING TO REALIZE A SAVINGS OR NOT AND HOW MUCH OF IT?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I -- WELL, I THINK THAT -- I THINK
17 WE CAN COME CLOSER TOGETHER, WHETHER WE CAN COMPLETELY BRIDGE
18 THE ORIGINAL PROJECTED AMOUNT OR NOT WITHOUT BOARD
19 INTERVENTION I'M NOT SURE.

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH BY MOVING -- BY TRANSFERRING SOME OF THE OUT-
22 PATIENT SERVICES PROVIDED IN OUR HOSPITALS, WHICH WE DID AT
23 MARTIN LUTHER KING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND
24 WE'RE WORKING NOW ON DOING THE SAME THING AT THE MEDICAL
25 CENTER, THAT'S AROUND FOUR TO \$6 MILLION WE CAN SAVE THERE,



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1 PLUS SOME REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS IN SOME OF OUR COLLECTIONS,
2 WE'RE WORKING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ON THIS OTHER DAY AND A HALF
3 OR SO, SO WE'VE PROBABLY GOT THE 20 MILLION DOWN TO AROUND 12
4 TO 14, RIGHT AROUND THERE. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SHORT YEAH,
5 PROBABLY.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE SHORT 12 TO 14? AND YOUR GOAL WAS TO
8 CUT 20 MILLION?

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** ASSUMING WE ACHIEVED WHAT WE -- WHAT I JUST
11 MENTIONED THAT TO TRANSFER AT THE --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASSUMING YOU ACHIEVED WHAT YOU JUST
14 MENTIONED, YOU'RE GOING TO BE TWO-THIRDS -- FALLING SHORT BY
15 TWO-THIRDS?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** YES, YES, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE EFFICIENCIES AT
20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT WAS ESTIMATED THE GOAL WAS 16% THERE.

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT WELL WE'RE STILL ON TARGET. WE
23 PULLED ABOUT 20% -- OR \$20 MILLION OUT OF THERE THIS YEAR, SO
24 I THINK WE'RE ON TARGET FOR THIS YEAR. THE CUTS I THINK WILL
25 OBVIOUSLY BE HARDER NEXT YEAR AND --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE GOAL NEXT YEAR? WHAT IS THE
3 TARGET?

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5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ANOTHER 5%, SO APPROXIMATELY THE SAME
6 AMOUNT, APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION. THE TOTAL, I BELIEVE, IS
7 61.5, IF MY MEMORY SERVES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE CONTRACTING OUT
10 THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF L.A.
11 CARE?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** CURRENTLY, THE -- THERE'S AN ISSUE AT L.A. CARE.
14 IT'S STILL ON THE TABLE. THE ISSUE AT L.A. CARE IS THE
15 ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES THEM TO -- ANY FUNCTION
16 CONTRACTED OUT WOULD REQUIRE THE EMPLOYEES TO GO WITH THEIR
17 M.O.U., CURRENT M.O.U. L.A. CARE HAS SAID THIS WILL BE COST
18 PROHIBITIVE. WE HAVE A MEETING THAT IS TRYING TO BE SCHEDULED
19 WITH THE UNION AND IT'S IN THEIR COURT RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE
20 GOING TO GET BACK TO US WITH SOME DATES TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE
21 MIGHT RESOLVE THAT AND MOVE FORWARD OR NOT RESOLVE THAT. IF WE
22 CAN'T, THEN WE HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE AT THAT POINT TO EITHER
23 ATTEMPT CONTRACTING OUT ON A WIDER SCALE, A BROADER SCALE, OR
24 TO REDIRECT RESOURCES AND GO WITH C.H.P. WITHIN THE COUNTY AS
25 IT IS -- I MEAN AS IT IS NOW, AND DO WHAT WE PROBABLY SHOULD



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1 HAVE DONE YEARS AGO, WHICH IS TO REINVEST IN THAT PROGRAM AND
2 TRY TO MAKE IT WORK IF WE CAN'T GET IT THROUGH THE COST
3 REDUCTIONS THROUGH L.A. CARE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR PROGNOSIS ON DEALING WITH
6 L.A. CARE? ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC?

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK THE PROBABILITY OF COMPLETING THAT
9 TRANSACTION IS ON THE DOWN SIDE, FAR DOWN. I DON'T BELIEVE
10 THAT THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, UNION RESPONSIBILITIES AND L.A.
11 CARE'S CONCERNS OVER COSTS WILL REALLY ALLOW IT TO BE
12 CONSUMMATED.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU ARE PROJECTING A SAVINGS OF \$8 MILLION
15 ON THAT, WEREN'T YOU?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BETWEEN THAT EIGHT MILLION AND THAT'S
20 JUST IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, THAT EIGHT MILLION PLUS THE 12 OR 14
21 YOU'RE SHORT ON THE PSYCH HOSPITALS, YOU'RE NOW -- THAT'S 20
22 MILLION SHORT.

23

24 **FRED LEAF:** EXCEPT SUPERVISOR, ON -- YEAH ON THE C.H.P. SIDE,
25 WHILE WE FELL SHORT ON THE COST SAVINGS BECAUSE OF INCREASES



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1 IN ENROLLMENT WE'VE EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST SIX TO EIGHT
2 MONTHS, THE FORECAST HAS NOT BEEN IMPACTED BY THAT LOSS OF
3 COST SAVINGS BECAUSE WE'VE EXPERIENCED THIS INCREASE, IT
4 WASN'T INITIALLY INCLUDED IN OUR FORECAST WHEN WE POSTED IT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MUCH IS THAT? HOW MUCH WAS THE
7 INCREASE WORTH TO US?

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** IT WAS WORTH, I BELIEVE, 14 MILLION?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 5 YEARS --

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13 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH BUT ANNUALLY, IT WAS LIKE 14. RIGHT? YEAH, 14
14 MILLION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE IS OUR APPLICATION
17 FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE COSTS-BASED REIMBURSEMENTS WAS
18 REJECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I UNDERSTAND, LARGELY OVER
19 THE ISSUE OF WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNANCE
20 ISSUES THAT THEY REQUIRE FOR THE Q.H.C.

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22 **FRED LEAF:** YES THEIR POSITION IS THAT -- OUR BELIEF WAS THAT
23 IF WE APPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING GRANT, THAT THAT WOULD
24 GIVE US CERTAIN RELIEF FROM THE GOVERNANCE ISSUES. THE HRSSA'S
25 POSITION IS THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS



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1 WERE INTENDED TO RELIEVE US -- ANYBODY OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY,
2 SO THAT IF THEY GRANTED SUCH A PROGRAM, THEY WOULD EXPECT US
3 IN PLACE A PLAN TO HAVE GOVERNANCE AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
4 F.Q.H.C. SO THEIR POSITION RIGHT NOW IS THEY'VE REJECTED THAT.
5 WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING, ALONG WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE PEOPLE,
6 BURT MCGOWEN AND OTHERS, AT OTHER MODELS IN THE COUNTRY THAT
7 MAY SERVE TO JUSTIFY WHAT WE ARE ARGUING. FALLING SHORT OF
8 THAT, WE WOULD HAVE ONE OTHER OPTION, WHICH IS TO ASK FOR A
9 STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT TO GO
10 FORWARD AS IT IS RIGHT NOW UNDER OUR CURRENT WAIVER WITHOUT
11 EVEN INVOLVING HRSSA. AND THAT WOULD BE OUR LAST FALL-BACK
12 POSITION.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULDN'T ANOTHER OPTION BE TO DEAL WITH THE
15 GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS?

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17 **FRED LEAF:** YES AND WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS TO DO THAT. THAT'S
18 WHAT THE MODELS IN SOME OTHER STATES EXACTLY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE SOME REPORT --
21 SOME DIRECTION ON THAT? WHEN IS YOUR EVALUATION GOING TO BE
22 COMPLETE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY?

23



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1 **FRED LEAF:** WE HOPE TO COMPLETE THAT AND THE DISCUSSIONS WITH
2 THE OTHER STATES AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY DID EXACTLY AND HOW
3 IT MAY OR MAY NOT APPLY TO THE COUNTY WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS -- OKAY I'D LIKE TO -- DO WE
6 HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA EVERY MONTH? IS THAT THE DEAL?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT ON BEFORE THAT? NEXT
9 -- IF IT'S NEXT FOUR WEEKS IT --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR CAN WE GET A REPORT ON THIS THE FIRST
12 MEETING IN JANUARY?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** YES SURE.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ALL OF THESE THINGS. I MEAN CLEARLY,
17 ANYWAY.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GOVERNANCE YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE WHAT, ALL
20 CONSUMERS, OR 51% CONSUMERS? 51% CONSUMERS RIGHT?

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22 **FRED LEAF:** 51% HAVE NINE MEMBERS WITH 51% AND THE PROBLEM IS
23 OF COURSE THAT THIS BOARD WOULD HAVE TO APPOINT THE DIRECTORS
24 OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT THEY OVERSAW, WHICH HAS SOME REAL
25 LEGAL ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE SYSTEM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY, SO
3 THAT WOULD BE THE 9TH?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH AND I'D LIKE JUST IF YOU CAN AT THAT
6 MEETING TO GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE
7 SCENARIO 3 PROGRESS COMPARED TO WHAT THE GOAL WAS TO WHERE YOU
8 ARE ON JANUARY 9TH SO WE CAN --

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JANUARY 13TH, IS THAT OKAY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHATEVER THE DATE IS, JANUARY 13TH.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 13TH IS OKAY. RIGHT ANYTHING FURTHER?
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. MERRITT HOLLOWAY AND ETHEL JOHNSON. GOOD
16 AFTERNOON. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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18 **ETHEL L. JOHNSON:** OKAY. ETHEL L. JOHNSON, AND I JUST CAME BACK
19 FROM SACRAMENTO, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE AT THE BOARD --
20 EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M ASKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN OUR AREA IN YOUR
21 SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH IS COMPTON, THIS IS H.U.D. ARE WE ABLE
22 TO REALLY DO THIS THING RIGHT AS FAR AS PEOPLE NEEDING
23 HOMELESS EMERGENCY MONEY WITHOUT EVERYBODY GOING CRAZY? OKAY?
24 I'M IN THAT AREA AND LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, AND SO RIGHT NOW,
25 I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SPENDING ALL MY MONEY



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1 IN THAT AREA, BUT I AM A VET, A D.V.A., AND I HAD THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER TO CABRILLA. SO WHEN YOU GO TO A
3 PROGRAM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY DO FIND OUT YOUR NAME,
4 YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ALL THAT, AND THEY DO HAVE SOME
5 PLACES OVER THERE, SO I'M GOING TO BE CHECKING THAT. BUT I
6 ALSO AM A MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER, AND MY GRANDKIDS RIGHT NOW
7 HAVE BEEN IN FOSTER CARE. I HEAR PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT FOSTER
8 CARE, YOU KNOW, BUT THEY HAVE REGISTERED AGE OF 17 YEARS OF
9 AGE, AND I THINK THAT AT THIS TIME, MOST OF THE WOMEN, MOTHERS
10 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF ENJOYMENT FOR
11 THEM FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS, BUT I HAVE BEEN WORKING
12 ON MY BENEFITS. I'VE BEEN OVER IN THE GULF, AND A LOT OF
13 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ME, YOU KNOW, THEY JUST THINK THIS IS A GAME
14 OR SOMETHING. I WAS IN SACRAMENTO FOR TWO -- FOR THREE DAYS.
15 'CAUSE THAT'S LIKE MY SECOND HOME, TALKING TO MRS. JACKIE
16 GOLDBERG, AND SO THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS ABOUT WHAT THEY
17 CAN DO AND WHAT THEY CANNOT DO. ALSO, I'VE BEEN TO MARTIN
18 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, BECAUSE, I MEAN, I'M IN THE AREA, BUT IT
19 TOOK US TWO DAYS. I GOT THERE ABOUT 4:00 O'CLOCK IN THE
20 AFTERNOON, AND I DIDN'T GET OUT OF THERE UNTIL 12:00 THE NEXT
21 AFTERNOON. BUT THAT'S, I MEAN THAT'S ME BECAUSE I'M IN THAT
22 AREA AND THAT'S, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY AREA, SO -- BUT OTHER
23 THAN THAT, THEY WANT TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL.
24
25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO ONE WANTS TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL.



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ETHEL L. JOHNSON: BUT THEY WANTED TO CLOSE IT, BECAUSE, WHAT
HAPPENED WAS WHEN I GOT SICK, THEY WANTED TO TAKE ME TO
SUBURBAN, AND I SAID, "NO, TAKE ME TO MY HOSPITAL, TAKE ME TO
MARTIN LUTHER KING." SO I DID, IT'S BEING PATIENT, YOU KNOW,
WE ARE NOT ALWAYS PATIENT. WE WANT TO GET ON THE GURNEY AND WE
WANT TO GET INSIDE AND SEE THE DOCTOR, BUT I'M IN YOUR AREA,
MRS. BURKE, AND I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, BUT I AM HOMELESS,
AND I'M LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY, AND THE ONLY REASON THAT
I MIGHT BE IN A MOBILE HOME OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW,
BECAUSE I'M IN THE AREA AND I WORK WITH MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN
THE AREA, AND ALSO I WORK GANG DETAIL. OKAY? A LOT OF PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW THAT, SO I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW, BUT A COUPLE OF
DAYS, I'VE BEEN SICK AND I'VE BEEN SORT OF IN MR. KNABE'S
AREA, AND SO I'VE BEEN KIND OF MOVING AROUND.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: OKAY.

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ETHEL L. JOHNSON: ALL RIGHT, SO LOOK OUT FOR ME. ALL RIGHT?

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WELL IS THERE SOMEONE HERE WHO
CAN TALK TO HER ABOUT --

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ETHEL L. JOHNSON: I JUST WANT TO GET PAID NOW. I'M TOO OLD.
I'M 64 YEARS OLD. AND ALL I WANT TO DO IS JUST SIT DOWN AND

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1 RELAX AND HAVE MY OWN PLACE OF BUSINESS, AND THAT'S ALL.

2 THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANYONE HERE
5 WHO CAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE CHECK ON THAT,
6 AS FAR AS SOME FACILITY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET INTO.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
9 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
11 CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
12 EXISTING LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK
13 YOU.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Subdivision (a) of
Government Code Section 54956.9)

Los Angeles Times Communications, LLC and Richard P. McKee v.
Los Angeles County County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles
Superior Court Case No. BS 075 075.

This is a lawsuit alleging violations of the Ralph M. Brown
Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).

The Board authorized legal counsel to seek appellate review
and relief in the California Supreme Court.

The vote of the Board was:

Supervisor Molina: No

Supervisor Yaroslavsky: No

Supervisor Knabe: Aye

Supervisor Antonovich: Aye

Supervisor Burke: Aye.